

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
July 9, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

GATHERING

Voluntary: Meditation.....Gabriel Dupont

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: I Will Arise.....arr. Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 131: We Gather Together.....Kremser

† Greeting.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Welcome this day to a time of rest.*
People: **We come bearing burdens and cares.**
Liturgist: *Trust in God who is always with you.*
People: **We come in faith, seeking God’s healing mercies.**
Liturgist: *Place your lives in the loving hands of God.*
People: **May God heal our spirits and strengthen us!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God,
we confess that too often,
we do not come to you with our burdens.
We put our time and energy into plans and schedules,
but do not take time to be still and know that you are God.
We become preoccupied with our own fears and anxieties,
and overlook your invitation to find comfort in community.
We seek control rather than trust, overwork rather than rest,
and we live in a spirit of scarcity,
rather than abundance, generosity, and joy.
Forgive us, Loving God. Help us to place our hope in you.
Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers,
that you might give us rest.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 131.....(pew Bible, page 500)
Matthew 11:28-30.....(pew Bible, page 879)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
The children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri to join Carol at the chancel.

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon: The Gift of Rest.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

† Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,*
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Lisa Gwock

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Ministry Moment: Project Transformation.....Natalie Ferguson

Offertory: I Heard the Voice of Jesus.....Richard Shephard

I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Come unto me and rest
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast’
I came to Jesus as I was. Weary and worn and sad:
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live’
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright’
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun
And in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.
Horatius Bonar

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 534: Be Still, My SoulFinlandia

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Dresden

Voluntary: “Little” Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 553.....J. S. Bach
The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Brian Thomason “Thomas” Freeman, Jr. by parents Katie and Brian Freeman.

Brian Thomason “Thomas” Freeman, Jr., son of Brian Thomason Freeman, Sr. and Katherine "Katie" Davis Freeman, will be presented for baptism in the 11 o’clock service today.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is directing. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: The processional hymn has roots in a Dutch poem written at the end of the 16th century to celebrate the Protestant Northern provinces’ newly won freedom from Spanish rule. It was later set to a traditional melody. Early in the 20th century, translator/arranger Theodore Baker’s stirring anthem setting, music taken from Eduard Kremser’s earlier work, was adapted as a hymn and entered the American public repertory of religious/nationalistic/patriotic songs/hymns.

The recessional is a hymn of assurance and hope in times of doubt and despair that is set to Sibelius's stirring finale of his Finnish patriotic tableau composed in 1899 in reaction to increasing censorship by the Russian regime.
(Hymnic notes by Carlton Young)

July 9, 2017
Preaching: Carol Cavin-Dillon
"The Gift of Rest"

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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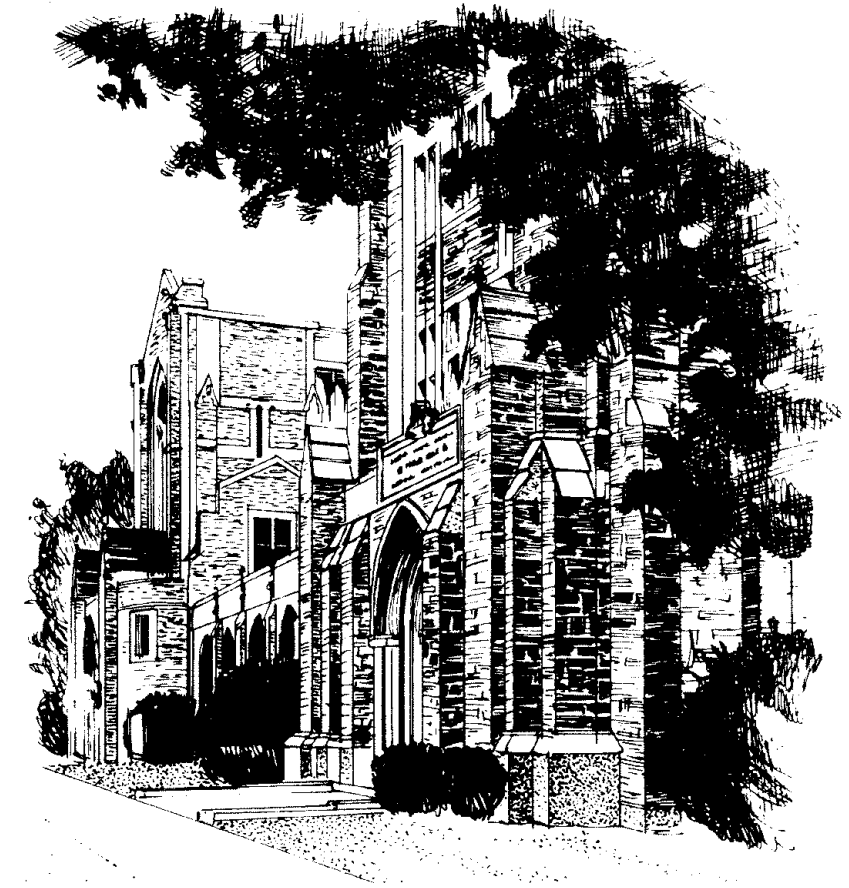
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