

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 30, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Eighth 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: There is a Spirit that Delights To Do No Evil.....Ned Rorem

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: O Let Us Praise Thee.....Richard Farrant
O Let us praise thee, thou our God, and so let all our days;
And O let heaven's eternal day be thine eternal praise.

† Processional Hymn No. 185.....Laudes Domini
When Morning Gilds the Skies

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler
Liturgist: *Come into this time of worship, knowing that God has called each one of us here.*
People: **We come ready to hear what God has for us.**
Liturgist: *Come, knowing that Christ is here beside each and every one of us.*
People: **We come with the assurance of this companionship.**
Liturgist: *Come, to be set free to respond to the Spirit's work in the world.*
People: **We come to be equipped for service.**
Liturgist: *Come, let us worship God!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of mystery, God of life,
we imagine that we are capable judges
of power and wisdom and goodness.
We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize;
we mark the performance of others.
We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.
Gracious God, hidden and manifest,
transform our withered imaginations
until we yield the judgments we trust
to a love we cannot control.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† Gloria Patri..... No. 71

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.)

Solo: When I Lay My Burden Down.....Spiritual, arr. Johnson

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.

Lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33.....(pew Bible, page 795)

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

† Hymn No. 540: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.....St. Thomas
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: The Unimpressive Mustard Seed.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† The Wesleyan Covenant Prayer.....No. 607

† 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.....Nancy Parker

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.

Offertory: O For a Closer Walk with God.....C. V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb. (*William Cowper*)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 581.....Beach Spring
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord (all sing)Tallis Canon
Go with us Lord and Guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Voluntary: Final from Symphony IV.....Charles Marie Widor
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 Usher: Barbara Cragg

The Flower Fund provides flowers for West End's worship service when none have been donated. Today's flowers are made possible by this fund. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope "Flower Fund."

The rose on the Communion table is to celebrate the birth of Ethan Wallace Laird, born July 9, 2017 in Verona, NJ. He is the son of Ginny and David Laird, the grandson of Cheryl and Allen Patton, and joins sister, Sophia and brother, Grant.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is director and assisting at the organ. Associate, Andrew Risinger, is organist/accompanist. Melissa Gramling is conducting the offertory this morning. Cory Cox, tenor soloist.

Hymnic Notes: The processional hymn invites us to praise God in Jesus Christ in all times and all places. It's unusual structure of rhymed couplets followed by a refrain 'May Jesus Christ be praised,' is aptly expressed in Joseph Barnby's only enduring tune of the 246 he composed. "I love thy kingdom Lord,' composed in 1801 by Timothy Dwight, the president of Yale College, consists of four stanzas of first-person singular statements extolling the virtues of the church, and a concluding summary stanza. It is thought to be the oldest hymn by a North American to remain in continuous use. The recessional by the British poet, social prophet, and Congregational minister, Albert Bayly (d. 1984), calls us to move beyond the words and forms of worship to service, in Christ's name. Bayly's hymns typically cite the specific needs of age groups, systemic evil and the plight of the urban poor and marginalized. (*Hymnic notes by Carlton Young*)

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Preaching: Carol Cavin-Dillon
"The Unimpressive Mustard Seed"

Matthew 13: 31-33

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

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