

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
August 6, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
Ninth 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: Vater Unser Im Himmelreich no. 2.....Georg Böhm

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: Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast.....Hursley

† Processional Hymn No. 173.....Ratisbon
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

† Greeting.....Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.
People: **The Lord will provide for our needs.**
Liturgist: Come this day to the table of the Lord.
People: **Here we will find welcome and sustenance.**
Liturgist: Come to this time of gathering and praise.
People: **Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gift of love.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**
Glory to God. Amen.

† 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.*)

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
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.

A lesson from the Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-32.....(pew Bible, page 26)

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

Communion Meditation: Wrestling with GodCarol Cavin-Dillon

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Erin Racine

Mission Moment.....Bill Farris

The Offering

Offertory: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation.....Dale Wood
Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.
(*Latin Hymn, circa 8th c.*)

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology No. 95

† Thanksgiving
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are



ful__ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who





comes __ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Christ has died, Christ is __ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus__ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly

Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup
The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 363, 2238 TFWS, and 629.

† Prayer after Receiving
Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 188.....Christe Sanctorum
Christ is the World's Light

† Dismissal with Blessing
Celebrant: *Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.*
People: **Amen.**

† Benediction Response: The Peace of God.....John Yarrington

Voluntary:.....G. F. Handel, arr. Biggs

Overture and The Rejoicing (from *Fireworks Music*)
*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.*

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Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Winters,
Mr. and Mrs. William I. Edwards, and William I. Edwards, IV
by Susan Winters Edwards and William I. Edwards, III.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps,
is director-organist. Music Associate, Allison Williams, is organist-accompanist.

The texts used in today's Communion service are used in many Christian
traditions. They help us to see our relationship to those around us as an
expression of our relationship to God. This is best expressed as we confess our
sins, are assured of God's forgiveness, and then express that forgiveness with
those around us in the "Passing of the Peace." The Peace is an act of
reconciliation and blessing, based on New Testament Christian practice. When
we are reminded of God's love and mercy, our response is to share that gift
with others. United in this forgiveness, we come to the table as a forgiven and
reconciled community in love and charity with each other.

August 6, 2017
Preaching: Carol Cavin-Dillon
"Wrestling with God"

Genesis 32:22-32

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

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