

GATHERING

Voluntary: Improvisation on "Jesus Loves Me"arr. Albert L. Travis

WelcomeBrandon Baxter
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: Alleluia, Praise the Lord.....Traditional Nigerian Folk Song
Alleluia praise the Lord. Praises, high praises, now bring to the Lord.
Songs of joy sing to the Lord. Dancing and singing your praises to God.

† Processional Hymn No. 660: God Is Here.....Abbot's Leigh

† Greeting.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Liturgist: *Today, Christians gather around the world to come to God's Table.*

People: **We are the people of God.**

Liturgist: *Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition,*

People: **we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Liturgist: *For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.*

People: **We are one in God's Spirit.**

Liturgist: *Together we remember our Lord Jesus.*

People: **Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.**

† 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!**

† Passing of the Peace

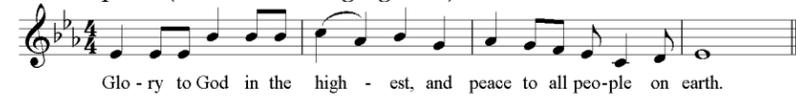
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*

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)



Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Tom Lee

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 21:23-32 (pew Bible, pages 802-803)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation: Whose Authority?Brandon Baxter

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

The Offering

Offertory The Secret of Christ.....Richard Shephard

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak.

I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them.

I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them.

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations.

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our Friend. Amen.

Based on Isaiah 42:14-16; Revelation 22:1-3 and Colossians 4:2-4

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† 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*)



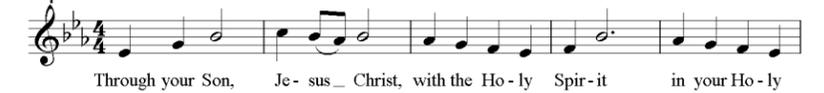
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 618, 2011 TFWS, & 678.

† 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. 557: Blest Be the Tie that Binds.....Dennis

† Dismissal with Blessing

† Benediction Response No. 898: Amen Danish



MUSIC: Danish

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in B-flat..... William Boyce

*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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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O. Swint, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. William W. Earthman, Jr. by their children, Sandra Swint and Bill Earthman.



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!

Sunday Activities

Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
College Lunch.....12 - 1 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal*.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Youth Small Groups*5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Children's Choir and Youth Handbell Rehearsals....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

*Meal provided.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist.

Today's Music: Today's music spans different cultures as we reflect on World Communion Sunday. Our Introit is a traditional Nigerian folksong; the processional hymn and anthem are English; our communion hymns: African American, Latin American, and Asian respectively; and the recessional hymn is Swiss. As we sing music of other cultures, we are reminded of our unity with Christians all over the world.

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