

GATHERING

Voluntary: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less.....Raymond H. Haan  
I, II, III, & IV

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 ye that Love the Lord.....arr. Alice Parker  
Come ye that love the Lord and let your love be known.  
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

† Processional Hymn No. 545: The Church’s One Foundation.....Aurelia

† Greeting.....Brandon Baxter  
Liturgist: *Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God’s sight chosen and precious.*  
People: **We have responded to Christ’s call and seek to be built into a spiritual house as a living reminder of God’s presence on earth.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**O Lord of mercy and compassion,**  
**we bare our souls before you**  
**in this hour of worship and prayer.**  
**We have been unfaithful to you**  
**and have forsaken the Covenant Love**  
**you have shared with us.**  
**For our wandering, wayward ways,**  
**hear our confessions of sin and selfishness,**  
**and offer us your forgiveness.**  
**We ask for forgiveness**  
**and the strength to behave as your true children,**  
**as your very people, the Church.**  
**It is the redeeming Christ before whom we bow,**  
**and before whom we confess our need.**  
**We come to you in hope of redemption.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

† 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.)*

† 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.)*

Voluntary: Song of Assurance.....Arnold Sherman

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Bill Miller  
**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 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46.....(pew Bible, page 803)

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

† Hymn No. 529: How Firm a Foundation.....Foundation  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Is He Talking to Me?.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

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

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: It is Well With My Soul.....arr. Rene Clausen  
(text found in hymnal, #377)

† 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!**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 559.....Westminster Abbey  
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound.....Land of Rest  
**Together met, together bound, we go our different ways**  
**And as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Toccata in D Minor "Dorian".....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.*

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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Samuel Forbes Belk and Michelle Catherine Summers in Yosemite National Park by Sam and Fabra Belk.



## West End United Methodist Church

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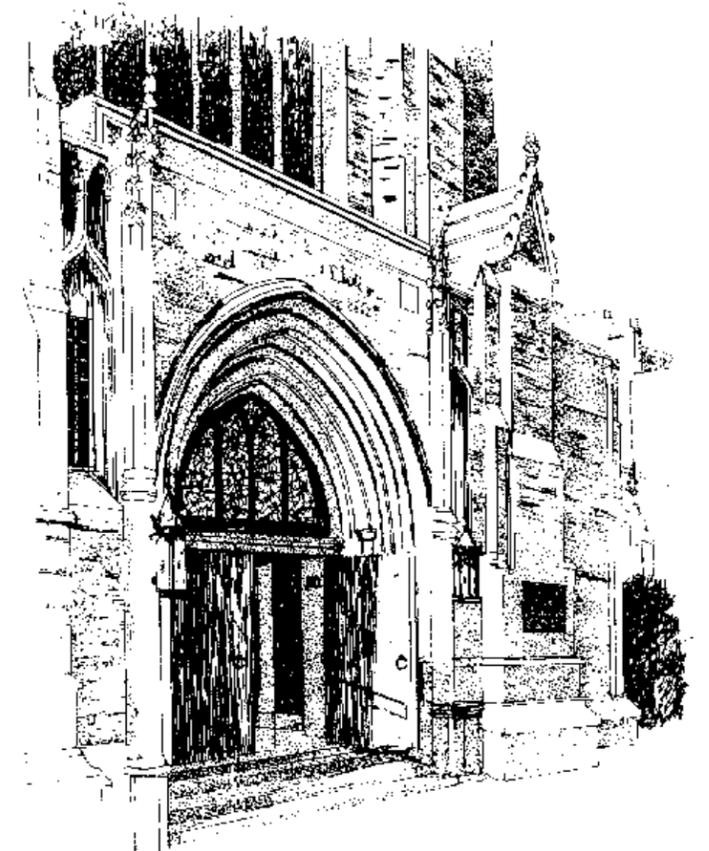
### WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

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 use their first initial with their last name at westendumc.org  
 except for Bob Hilton, Don Marler, and Ewart Watts.*

# WEST END

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*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](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the bulletin insert.

\*Meal provided.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

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

Hymnic Notes: The hymns today focus on Christ as the foundation of the church and our faith. The opening hymn was written during a time of theological controversy in the mid-nineteenth century. Bishop John William Colenso caused a stir in the Catholic Church when he began to question the historicity of the Bible, specifically the Old Testament. Bishop Gray of Capetown defended the faith which inspired the hymn writer Samuel Stone to pen this famous hymn in 1886. "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" is a translation of a 7th century Latin Hymn made by John Mason Neale. The tune, Westminster Abbey, is a nineteenth century arrangement of a melody composed by Henry Purcell in 1680. *(Hymnic Notes by Matthew Phelps)*

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 October 8, 2017 at Eleven o'clock  
 Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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