

GATHERING

Voluntary.....Charles-Marie Widor
Andante Sostenuto from *Symphonie Gothique*

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: Ascribe to the Lord.....Sally Ahner
Praise to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

† Processional Hymn No. 73: O Worship the King.....Lyons

† Greeting.....Nancy Parker
Liturgist: *Today, let us hear the invitation of Christ.*
People: **Let us respond with worship and joy.**
Liturgist: *God welcomes all with hospitality and love.*
People: **May we find family, home, and hope in the love of God.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God, you welcome us with hospitality and love,
but we have not embraced you with our whole hearts.
We allow ourselves to be driven by fear, desire, and bitterness
instead of loving-kindness, generosity, and peace.
Teach us how to walk your path.
Help us learn to respond to your invitation
to live the life you offer us
and know what it is to be redeemed.**

† 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.)

Anthem: He, Watching Over Israel.....Mendelssohn
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps. (Psalm 121:4)
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish; He will quicken thee.
(Psalm 138:7)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Ty Finch
**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 22:1-14.....(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. 616: Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast.....Hursley
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: How Do We Tell *This* Story?.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 882

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
Congregational Response
Liturgist: Hear us, O God;
People: **your mercy is great.**

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: Jubilate.....Harold Darke
O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord
he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his
people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates
with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful to him
and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is
everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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. (Psalm 100)

† DoxologyNo. 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. 160: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart.....Marion

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Spirit of the Living God
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Voluntary: Toccata in B-flat minor.....Louis Vierne
*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
Kenneth and Corlyss Dillard from their children.



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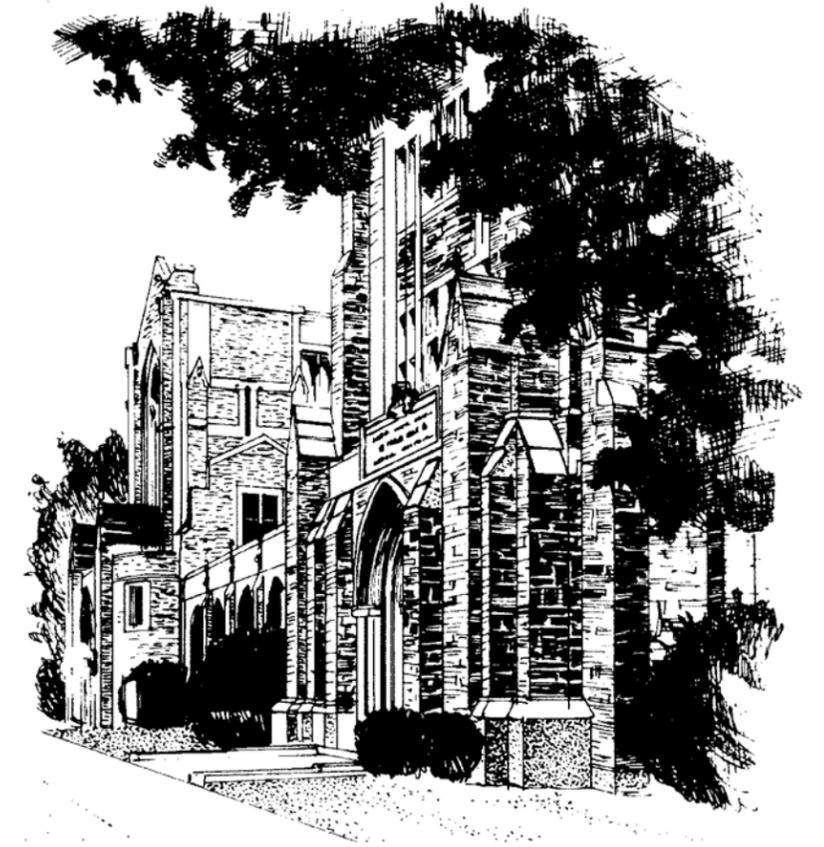
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WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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 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 and accompanist.

Hymnic Notes: "O Worship the King" was written by Robert Grant in 1833. He wrote a text that helps us see the creation story in a new light with each verse to be a meditation on different aspects of the creation story. "Rejoice ye Pure in Heart" was written by Edward Plumptre in 1865. The tune, Marion, was written by Arthur Messiter in 1889 specifically for this text. He named it after his wife and included in a hymnal that he compiled for Trinity Episcopal Church in New York City where he served as organist from 1866-1897. (Hymnic Notes by Matthew Phelps)

Today's liturgy was written by Jayme Yeo.

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 October 15, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
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