

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andante Tranquillo (from Sonata no. 3).....Felix Mendelssohn

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: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....Dundee

† Processional Hymn No. 110.....Ein' Feste Burg
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

† Greeting.....Emily C. Robbins

Liturgist: *We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.*

People: **In God's realm we will find healing and hope.**

Liturgist: *We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.*

People: **In God's world, we will reach out with God's love to all God's people.**

Liturgist: *We are called to be those who would serve.*

People: **Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those in need.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Merciful and gracious God,
we gather here this day,
coming together seeking your healing wisdom.**

Our lives are filled with anxiety and fear.

We turn our backs on people in need

and shy away from opportunities to serve.

Confusion and anger abound in our nation and in our hearts.

Forgive us when we have chosen the pathways of greed and fear

instead of the highways of peace and hope.

Bind up our souls, and calm our spirits.

Teach us to turn to you in love.

Write on our hearts the commandment to love our neighbor

as we ourselves would want to be loved.

It is in Jesus' name that we offer this prayer. Amen.

† 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: God is Our Refuge.....Allen Pote

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Anita Schmidt

**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 22:34-46.....(pew Bible, page 804)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 408: The Gift of Love.....Gift of Love

The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: The Heart of the Matter.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

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.**

Ministry Moment.....Phil Rutterer

Offertory: Cantique de Jean Racine.....Gabriel Fauré

Thy one word is the Christ, our one hope of salvation, unending day of heaven on this untroubled night, as we break this deep silence, divine Savior, turn now and look on us. Pour down on us the warmth of your almighty favor that all our pain and misery flee when your great voice is heard, and take from off our souls the dulling sleep that made our hearts lose the light of your law. O Christ, upon the faithful that here now are gathered, give to us always the blessing we ask, accept this song we offer to thy glory and all thy gifts twice again we return.
(sung in French)

† 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. 384: Love Divine.....Beecher

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake O Sleeper Vs. 5.....Amazing Grace

**For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

Voluntary: We All Believe in One God, BWV 680.....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 are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Hardeman Fort, Combs Lawson Fort, and Combs Lawson Fort, Jr. by Linda and Hal Moses.



West End United Methodist Church

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.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

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. The Youth Vocal Ensemble. Music Associate, Allison Williams, director. Tim Koly, trumpet.

Hymnic Notes: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" is often known as the "battle hymn of the reformation." Written in 1523 by Martin Luther, the hymn speaks to the Christian experience and how God provides strength in times of tribulation. Despite its Protestant theology, the hymn has crossed throughout all denominations and even is sung by Catholic Churches today. (Hymnic Notes by Matthew Phelps)

PASTORAL STAFF

- Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
- Erin Racine.....Pastor of Hospitality and Congregational Care
- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor of Spiritual Formation
- Becky Peeler.....Pastor of Children and Family Ministries
- Lisa Gwock.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults
- Ewart Watts.....Pastor at Richland Place
- Anita Peebles.....Congregational Care Intern

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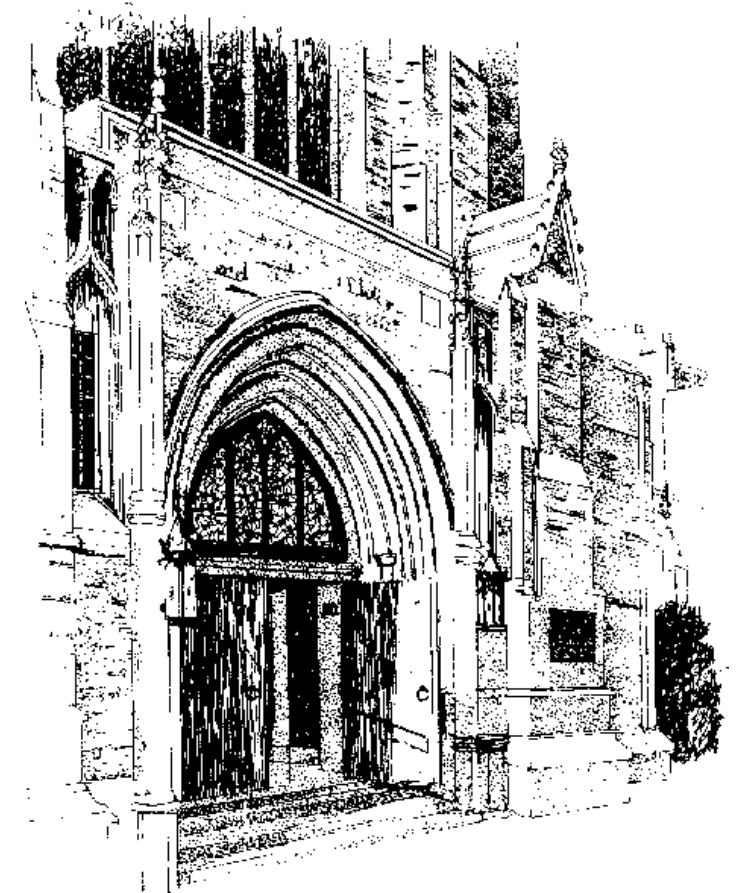
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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
October 29, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost