

GATHERING

Voluntary: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 647.....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Nancy Parker
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: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days.....Richard Redhead

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

† Greeting.....Erin Racine

Liturgist: *We come as one to listen and act on the word of God.*

People: **We find ourselves in God,
who teaches us love, grace, and compassion.**

Liturgist: *Let us learn to embrace the word of God:
the perfect law that frees our souls.*

People: **May we welcome God's liberating work in our lives.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Lord, your word calls us to acts of generosity, peace, and grace,
but too often we neglect opportunities
to improve the welfare of others:
We offer good intentions instead of time or money;
We give good will instead of a helping hand.
Let us remember the freedom found in your word
as we respond to your promise that by serving others
we will find ourselves in the perfect mirror of your love.**

† 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 image of God is in you.

People: **And also in you.**

(You are invited to share this blessing with those around you.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Kay Gabbert

**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 New Testament.....(pew Bible, page 980-981)
James 1:22-25

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing
of the Gloria Patri to join Nancy at the chancel.*

**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.)

Sermon: Why Serve?.....Nancy Parker

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 888

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.**

Offertory: Come Unto Me.....Bob Chilcott

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give
you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek
and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 396: O Jesus, I Have Promised.....Angel's Story

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: In the Cross of Christ I Glory.....David Cherwien

*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.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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The flowers are given today by Jim and Nancy (Neese) Culver,
as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, with gratitude for their
children and grandchildren as well as for the family and friends
who have enhanced their lives throughout the years.

Charles Aubry Moore, son of Chase Aubry Moore
and Sarah Jane Park Moore, will be presented for baptism today
in the 11 o'clock service.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of George Benton Whitacre
on March 4, 2018 to Julia and Todd Whitacre.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Henry Davidson Crook
on February 18, 2018 in Richmond VA to Paul and Susan Crook.
He is also welcomed by his grandparents, Libba and Jerry Crook.



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 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. +++

Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist-director. Music Associate, Allison Williams, is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” These may be some of the best-known words in the Bible, but in 1835, Robert Grant wrote a text that helps us see the creation story in a new light. “O Worship the King” is a meditation on Psalm 104 that consists of six verses which parallel the six days of creation. But rather than simply paraphrase the psalm or the first two books of the Bible, Grant focuses on how creation is a testimony to God’s “measureless might.” And Grant’s beautiful text doesn’t stop at Genesis 2. Rather, in the fourth and fifth verses we celebrate God’s saving grace to his creation. When God took that seventh day of rest, he was not signaling an end. He continued to bless His creation, even those as feeble and frail as us. In the last verse, Grant points to Christ as the ultimate reconciler of a broken, but still beautiful creation. An original last stanza that we no longer sing reads, “The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to Thy praise.”

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**WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
March 18, 2018 at Eight Forty-five
Fifth Sunday in Lent**