

**GATHERING**

Voluntary: Come Thou Fount.....Paul Manz

Welcome.....Emily C. Robbins

† Processional Hymn No. 400.....Nettleton  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

† Greeting.....Anna Claire Pritchett

Liturgist: *The God of all has called us here.*  
People: **We come today, celebrating God’s love for us.**  
Liturgist: *Jesus gave his life so we can know what love is.*  
People: **We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**  
Liturgist: *The Holy Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.*  
People: **We come today ready to love God in response.**

*(Please be seated.)*

Call to Confession.....Michael Hoffman

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Lord, we take your love for granted over and over.**  
**In the middle of having so many blessings,**  
**we complain about not having enough.**  
**When we are surrounded by adversity,**  
**we don’t trust your continuing love.**  
**When you prepare a table for us, we don’t even notice your efforts.**  
**Call us back to you and help us to trust your caring presence**  
**so that our actions can show others 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 peace of Christ be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**

*(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)*

Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine.....Faure, arr. Tucker

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination.....Catherine Ryan

**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: 1 John 3:16-24 .....(pew Bible, page 990)

Response to the Lesson

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

Anthem: Now the Green Blade Rises.....French Carol, arr. Burkhardt  
(Text can be found in hymnal, No. 311)

Children’s Time .....Anna Bigelow  
*The children are invited to come forward to join*  
*Anna at the chancel.*

Sermon.....Carly Horner, Haynes Lynch, Elizabeth Saum,  
Annlyn Zinke, Eli Horton and Emma Ryan

† 2018 Seniors’ Affirmation from Confirmation.....Seniors

**We believe God created our universe and everything in it.**  
**We believe God has created and is continually creating.**  
**We believe Jesus was a divine being, God in human form.**  
**He was born to Mary and Joseph as a tiny and vulnerable baby.**  
**He was sent to become a teacher for our lives on earth.**  
**We believe Jesus suffered and died on a cross for us**  
**to take away our sins.**  
**We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as he overcame death.**  
**We believe the Holy Spirit is always active in the world and in our lives.**  
**We believe the Holy Spirit guides us through life.**  
**We believe God loves the world**  
**and that God loves everyone unconditionally.**  
**We believe God is always there for us**  
**and we are able to pray to God at any time.**  
**We believe Jesus calls us to serve others**  
**and make a difference in our world.**  
**We believe the Church is a community of faith**  
**that will support and uphold us**  
**as we continue on our journeys of faith.**

Prayers of the People.....Aasha Zinke

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**

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.**

Call for the Offering.....Ellie Kenigson

Offertory: Only Love Can Do That.....Mark Miller  
Darkness cannot drive out darkness,  
Hatred cannot drive out hate.  
Only love can do that.  
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

† Doxology.....No. 95

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ, these persons are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 451: Be Thou My Vision.....Slane

† Benediction.....Riley Verner

Voluntary: Great Day .....Adolphus Hailstork

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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The altar flowers are given today from the wedding of Julia Shore Edwards and Thomas Michael O'Lynnger. They are given to the glory of God and in honor of good friends at West End United Methodist Church.

Riley Cole Tatum, son of Joseph Austin Tatum and Jessica Albright Tatum, will be presented for baptism in the 11 o’clock service today.

Thanks to the youth of West End UMC for preparing today’s liturgy.

Thanks to Robb Bigelow and Allan Horner for their work with this morning’s youth ushers.



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

\*Meal provided.

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Greeters and Ushers: Anna Bigelow, Anna Claire Pritchett, Aasha Zinke, Ellie Kenigson, Meredith Whitman, Michael Hoffman and Isabelle Sanders.

Music Participants: Youth Vocal Ensemble. Music Associate, Allison Williams and Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, directors. Youth handbell choir. Carla Fox, director.

**West End United Methodist Church**

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- Becky Peeler.....Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
- Lisa Gwock ..... Pastor of Missions & Outreach
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- Anita Peebles.....Congregational Care Intern

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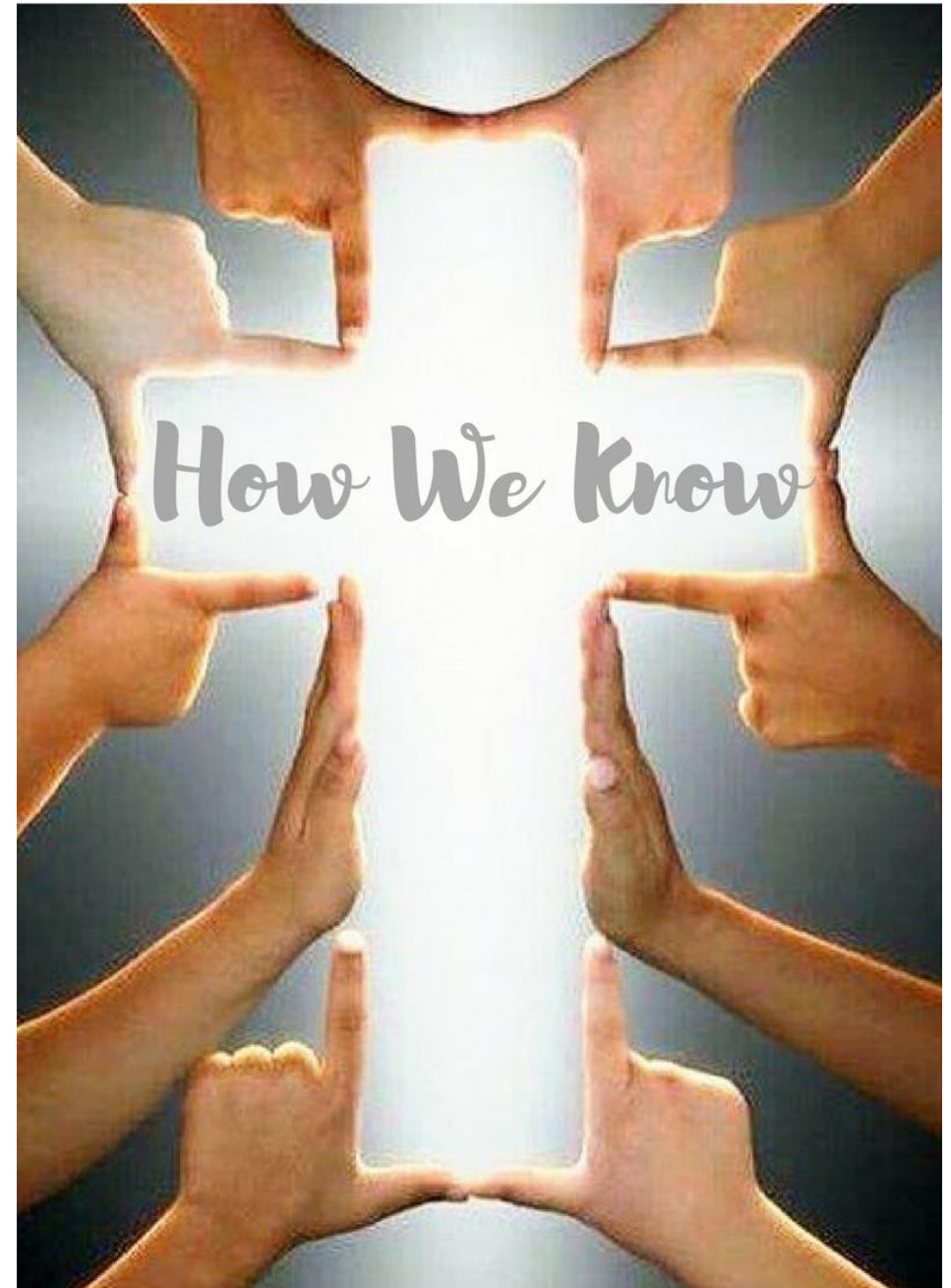
**WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES**

- Lynn McClary.....Executive Director
- Sandy Gilbert.....Program Director
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**WEST END**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

April 22, 2018 at Eight Forty-five  
Youth Sunday