

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andante in D MajorFelix 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: May Christians All With One Accord.....Gelobet Sei Gott
May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board
to praise your holy name, O Lord: Alleluia!

† Processional Hymn No. 89: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.....Hymn to Joy

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler
Liturgist: *Sing to our God a new song.*
People: **God has done marvelous things!**
Liturgist: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord!*
People: **Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
Liturgist: *Let the mountains rejoice out loud together before the Lord!*
People: **Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**
Glory to God. Amen.

† 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.)

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.*

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Kimberly Pace

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: Acts 10:44-48.....(pew Bible, page 895)

Response to the Lesson

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

Communion Meditation: The Spirit's Surprise.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

The Offering

Offertory: See What Love (from St. Paul).....Felix Mendelssohn
See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness that we
should be called God's own children.
(1 John 3:1)

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

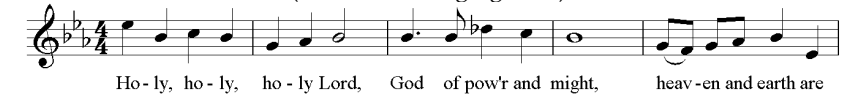
† Doxology.....No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



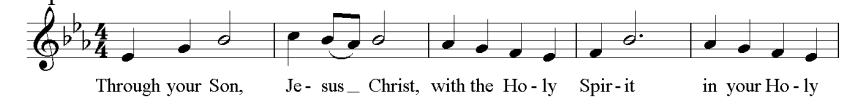
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 144, 613, 616, and 617.

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 537: Filled with the Spirit's Power.....Sheldonian

† Benediction

† Benediction Response No. 690.....St. Clement
The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended (vs. 2, all sing)

We thank thee that thy church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.

Voluntary: Carillon du Longpont.....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.*

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

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Norling and Kirk Norling by their family.

The rose on the table is to celebrate the birth of McAllister Grace Myer, born April 24, 2018 to Molly and Kirk Myer.



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.
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 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, is directing and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist/accompanist. Music Intern, Melissa Gramling, is conducting the offertory anthem.

Hymnic Notes: Henry Van Dyke's brilliant hymn of praise, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," has many layers that add to the beauty of his text. As hymnologist Albert Bailey writes, within Van Dyke's text, "creation itself cannot conceal its joy, and that joy is appreciated by God the center of it all; likewise all nature fills us with joy, caused fundamentally by our recognition of God as the giver" (*The Gospel in Hymns*, p. 554). We experience joy on many levels: we witness the joy expressed by Creation, we bask in the joy of God as He delights in us, and we experience our own joy as we reflect on all God has done for us and through us. Yet, we often rush through life too quickly to stop and be filled with joy. We allow the phone calls we have to make, the laundry we need to fold, the paper we need to write, and the porch we need to fix get in the way of simply stopping, looking around, and being filled with joy and gratitude at the world God has given us.

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
May 6, 2018 at Eleven o'clock
Sixth Sunday of Easter