

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Nun Bitten Wir".....Dietrich Buxtehude

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: Come and Let Us Sweetly Join.....Orlando Gibbons

† Processional Hymn No. 152.....Forest Green  
I Sing the Almighty Power of God

† Greeting.....Erin Racine  
Liturgist: *This morning we are called to worship together in peace.*  
People: **With one voice we proclaim the love of God for all.**  
Liturgist: *Let the love of Christ calm you, reassure you, and envelop you in compassion.*  
People: **We celebrate the revelation of grace that shines into our darkness.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**God, your love for us is boundless, filling us to overflowing.  
But we pursue lives of impoverishment:  
choosing greed,  
withholding good,  
endorsing apathy,  
excusing selfishness,  
ignoring suffering,  
and obstructing love.**  
**Let us learn to participate in your work in the world by  
nurturing generosity,  
providing charity,  
cultivating presence,  
developing selflessness,  
healing pain,  
and opening the path for love.**  
**Forgive us for straying from your way.  
Lead us again, and always, to you.**

† 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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....David Curtis  
**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, pages 950-951)  
Ephesians 3:14-21

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

† Musical Response .....Bind Us Together  
*Students are invited to come forward during the singing of the hymn to join Carol at the chancel for the blessing of the backpacks.*

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that  
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,  
bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love. \_\_\_\_\_

Blessing of the Backpacks (*in unison*)  
**Gracious God,  
We lift before you this day these students.  
We ask that you would bless them as they commit themselves  
to study and learning in the school year ahead.  
Sometimes a new school year seems exciting or scary or both.  
Sometimes school is great and sometimes school is hard.  
Lord, help them to remember that you are with them always.  
We ask your blessing on these backpacks.  
As students carry these backpacks to and from school,  
may they be reminded that this congregation  
loves and supports them.**  
**We pray for the teachers, administrators, and leaders in our schools,  
in our church, and on our college campuses.  
May they be sustained by your blessing.  
May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call  
to teaching and learning  
and surrounds them with love and care.**  
**We pray in the name of Jesus, whom we seek to follow, day by day.  
Amen.**

Sermon: Abundantly Far More.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 881

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Maggie Jarrell

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: God Be in My Head.....Andrew Carter  
God be in my head and in my understanding, God be in mine eyes and  
in my looking, God be in my mouth and in my speaking, God be in my  
heart and in my thinking, and God be at mine end and at my departing.  
*Old English Prayer*

† Doxology.....No. 95

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 111: How Can We Name a Love.....Terra Beata

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Festival Toccata.....Percy Fletcher  
*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 from the wedding of Emma Ruth Jackson and Randi Clark Perkins, II. They are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Myrtice Perkins, Arlos and Vivian Gabbert, and L. Murl Jackson, and in honor of Alan and Barbara McCarty and Gwendolyn Jackson.



*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 our website at [www.westendumc.org](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the insert.

\*Kick-off August 22, 2018

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Head Ushers: Byron Burrus

Liturgy written by Jayme Yeo.

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist/conductor. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: The text for “How Can We Name a Love” was written by contemporary hymn writer Brian Wren. Wren was ordained in Britain’s United Reformed Church and holds degrees from Oxford University. His hymns have been published internationally, and he is on the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. The tune, written by Frank Shepherd in 1915, is more commonly associated with the hymn, “This is My Father’s World.”

The British composer Percy Fletcher was mainly known for his theater music and music composed for brass band. He also composed extensively for organ, including three volumes of hymn tune preludes, a “Fountain Reverie,” which was written to depict the rush of water flowing from fountains, and his most famous piece, “Festival Toccata,” which is being played today for our postlude.

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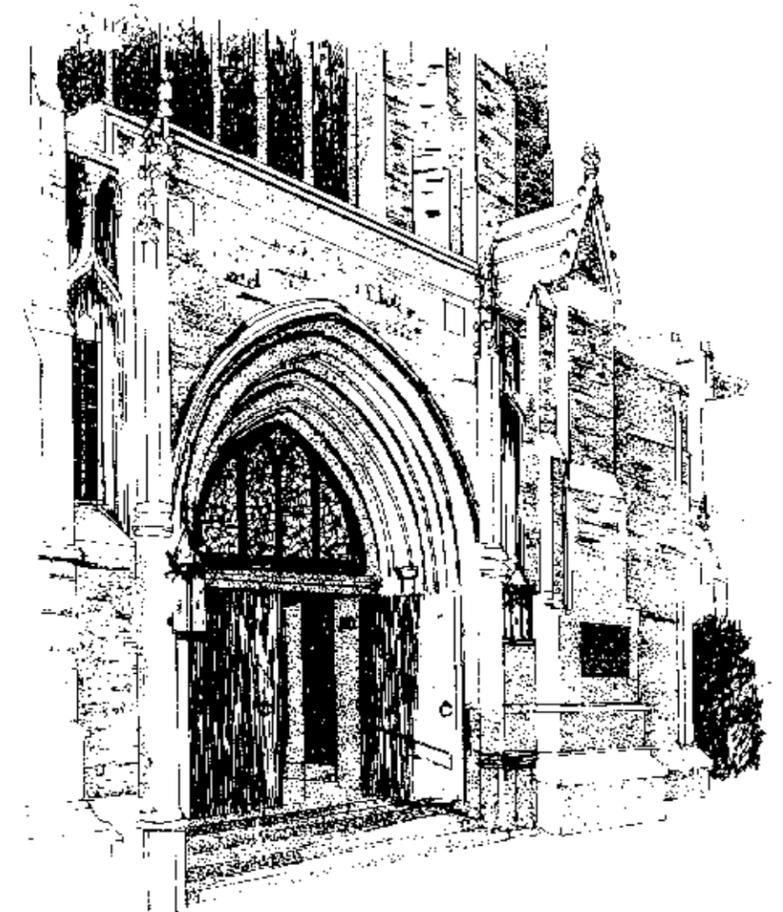
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