

GATHERING

Voluntary: Arabesque.....Louis Vierne

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: O Let Us Praise Thee.....Richard Farrant

† Processional Hymn No. 61: Come, Thou Almighty King.....Italian Hymn

† Greeting.....Caroline Archer
Liturgist: *Welcome to worship!*
People: **All people are welcome here!**
Liturgist: *Young and old, rich and poor, first and last,*
People: **All people are welcome here!**
Liturgist: *When we welcome others, we welcome Jesus.*
People: **Let us welcome Christ Jesus as we worship together!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of all people,
We confess that too often we are preoccupied with status.
Our lives are marked by arrogance, rivalry, and greed.
We seek to be the first, the greatest, the winners,
while you call us to be last of all, and servants of all.
Forgive us, Holy One,
and grant us your wisdom.
Reshape our priorities,
that we might seek to be servants
marked by humility, compassion, and generosity,
who follow the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these children now before you in your care?*

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Henry Stephen, Simon Ward, Watson Joshua, and Suzanne Akins 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, Henry Stephen, Simon Ward, Watson Joshua, and Suzanne Akins, 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.**

† Musical Response.....No. 611, st. 1
Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign:
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Mary Mitchell
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.....(pew Bible, page 821)
Mark 9:30-37

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 Carol 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.

Sermon: Disciples: They'll Welcome Anybody!.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

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

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: Exsultate Justi.....Ludovico da Viadana
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise is fitting for the upright.
Give praise to God upon the harp; play upon the ten-stringed psaltery.
Sing to him a new song, sing skillfully with a strong voice.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise is fitting for the upright.
(Psalm 33 - Translation from Latin)

† DoxologyNo. 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!

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.*

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SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 206.....Houston
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Peter C. Lutkin

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in B-flat Mark Shepperd
*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 Mr. and Mrs. John H. Whorley by Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Stover.

The flowers in Reed Hall are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of James Sandlin from his family.

Henry Stephen Sheaffer and Simon Ward Sheaffer, sons of Steve and Amanda
Sheaffer, are presented for baptism today.

Watson Joshua Ward and Suzanne Akins Ward, son and daughter of Josh
and Katie Ward, are presented for baptism today.

Wiley Matthew Merritt, son of Thomas and Jessie Merritt,
will be presented for baptism today in the 11 o'clock.



*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.....12:00 p.m.
Youth Choir and Handbell Rehearsals.....12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Adult Handbells.....1:15 - 2:15 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.....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 insert.

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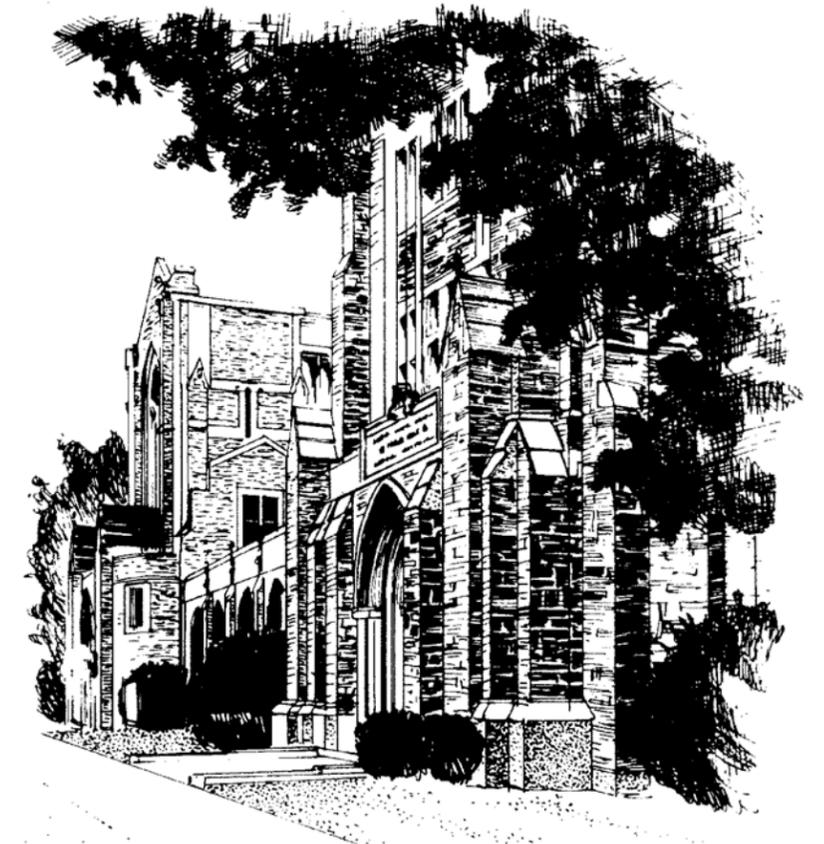
Head Usher: Byron Burrus

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Music Intern, Scott Brons, is
conducting this morning. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, and Music
Associate, Allison Williams, are organists.

Hymnic Notes: "Italian Hymn" was written by Felice de Giardini at the request
of hymn writer, Selina Shirly. The hymn was first published in 1769 and
continues to be published in hymnals around the world and across
denominations. At the time of the hymn's writing, Giardini was a world
famous 18th century violinist who moved from Italy to England. He gave
numerous concerts throughout Europe, but after a Russian tour, his popularity
and celebrity fell. He died in poverty in 1796.

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
September 23, 2018 at Eight Forty-five
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost