

GATHERING

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Our Father in Heaven".....Georg Böhm

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: Day by Day.....Harold Friedell
Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

† Processional Hymn No. 101.....Duke Street
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.*
People: **For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**
Liturgist: *Know that God's love is lavished upon us forever.*
People: **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**
Liturgist: *Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.*
All: **Amen!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**Somehow, O God,
our virtues can separate us from you as surely as our vices.
Our dutifulness can do as much damage as our dereliction.
Have mercy on us.
Overwhelm our disordered hearts with your peace.
Win us by your grace to the joy of your kingdom.
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!**
All: **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.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
**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.**

Anthem: What Wondrous Love is This.....American hymn, arr. Manor
(Text can be found in the Hymnal, #292)

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 this child 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 this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend John Roscoe to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*
† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, John Roscoe, 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*).....Connor Harris, Ella Peacock,
Noah Phelps, Wilson Rutterer
**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 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.....(pew Bible, pages 850-851)

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

† Hymn No. 121: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy.....Wellesley
The children are invited to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn for the Children's Moment.

Sermon: The Prodigal Son: The Third Dimension.....Will Willimon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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: Let This Mind Be In You.....Lee Hoiby
Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
(Phil. 2:5-11)

† 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.*
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SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 384: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.....Beecher

† Benediction

† Lenten Benediction Response.....Thomas Tallis
Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
Where meeting Christ our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.

Voluntary: Toccata no. 3 in G.....Girolamo Frescobaldi
The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.

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

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John Roscoe Morrison, son of Mark and Sara Morrison, is presented for baptism today. The altar flowers are given in celebration of his baptism by his grandparents, John and Virginia Heyburn and John and Terry Morrison.

Last Sunday's flower donation listing was incorrect. The lovely sunflowers were donated in memory of David Hensarling of Tyler, TX and Bird City, KS by his daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Stan Burcham, both West End members. Mr. Hensarling passed away on February 23, 2019 and a memorial service celebrating his life will be held in Hattiesburg, MS on April 7, 2019.

Mason Lynn Hartley was born March 24th to Sara and Keven Hartley. He is welcomed also by his grandparents, Laurie and Bart Ashley.



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.

*Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed, childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

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Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Youth Vocal Ensemble. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist/accompanist.

Today's Music: During the month of March, we are featuring music by composers who have identified openly as members of the LGBTQ community. We are featuring this music to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters; to recognize the gifts they bring to the global church; and to affirm our belief that God loves everyone unconditionally. Lee Hoiby, who wrote today's offertory anthem, was a twentieth century American composer of opera and song who studied with Gian Carlo Menotti. Hoiby wrote numerous pieces of sacred choral music including an oratorio on the story of Christmas. He died in 2011 and was survived by his long-time partner and collaborator, Mark Schulgasser.

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