

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Two Easter Chorale Settings

Christ Lay in Death's Bonds BWV 625.....J. S. Bach  
Alleluia, O Sons and Daughters Let us Sing.....Flor Peeters

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: Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing.....Gelobet Sei Gott

Good Christians all rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King,  
to all the world glad news we bring. Alleluia!

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

† Call to Worship.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: *When fear seeks to unravel individuals and communities,*

People: **God's Spirit is our vision and our guide.**

Liturgist: *When persecutors and bullies seek to do harm,*

People: **Christ is able to transform hearts and minds.**

Liturgist: *When our own vision is clouded and narrow,*

People: **our Creator gives us hearts of compassion and love.**

All: **Let us worship this God of new beginnings!**

† 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!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

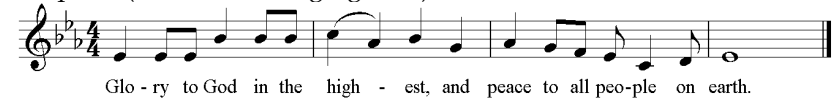
† Passing of the Peace

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.**

† 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*).....Skip Malone

**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 9:1-20.....(pew Bible, page 893)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation: So Ananias Went.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

The Offering

Offertory: Easter (from the Five Mystical Songs)....Ralph Vaughan Williams

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays, who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise: that, as his death calcined thee to dust, his life may make thee gold, and much more, Just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long: or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied; O let thy blessed spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art. (*George Herbert*)

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology.....No. 94

† 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*)



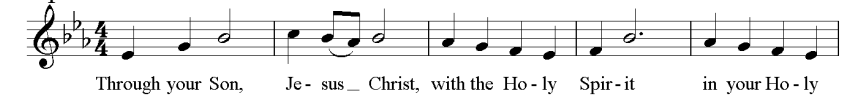
Prayer of Remembrance

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: 400, 613, and 616.*

† 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. 568: Christ for the World We Sing.....Italian Hymn

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: The Day Thou Gavest (Vs. 2).....St. Clement  
**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.....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 rise in body or in spirit.*

*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 Elizabeth Murrey and George S. Dibrell, Elizabeth Dibrell and Alden H. Smith, George Dibrell Smith, Alden H. Smith Jr, and Judith Gray Walton Smith, by their family.

The flowers in Reed Hall are from the wedding of Olivia Carmichael and Miller Fitts. They are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the bride's grandparents, Mrs. Katherine May Reese, Mr. Warren Eugene Reese, Mr. Charles Franklin May, Sr., Mr. Robert Lewis Raclin and Mr. Oliver Cromwell Carmichael, Jr., and the grandparents of the groom, Mr. Richard Murlle Zook, Mr. Bill Roper Hall and Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Oliver Fitts, Jr.



*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](http://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, 2s and 3s 110, and 4s and 5s 112.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

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

Hymnic Notes: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," Henry Van Dyke's brilliant hymn of praise 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. We have all heard this line over and over again, but it's worth repeating: we rush through life too quickly to stop and be filled with joy. It's a world where we have people to call, children to clothe, knowledge to express, and parties to host. 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 5, 2019 at Eleven o'clock  
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