

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio (from Sonata in C for Gamba).....Handel, arr. Pasquet

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: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....Dundee

Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found.

Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

† Processional Hymn No. 103.....St. Denio  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

† Call to Worship.....Katie Minnis

Liturgist: *We gather this morning to give praise to God.*

People: **We trust in God, our refuge and fortress.**

Liturgist: *We gather this morning to give thanks to God.*

People: **God is faithful, and God's gifts are abundant.**

Liturgist: *We gather this morning in the shelter of the Most High.*

People: **Let us worship the One who creates, redeems, and sustains!**

Anthem: Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord.....Jody W. Lindh

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

Sing to the Lord a new song, Sing to the lord, everyone. Sing to the Lord,

bless the name. Tell what God has done. Come, let us sing to the Lord...

Sing to the Lord, lift up your voice! Praises all around! Sing to the Lord with

all your heart! Make a joyful sound! Come, let us sing to the Lord...

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of Abraham and Lazarus,**

**we confess that we are not content**

**with the simple gifts you offer.**

**Tempted by everything,**

**we become insensitive to those who have nothing.**

**Encouraged to accumulate more,**

**we miss the chance to gather your goodness.**

**Forgive us, God of Reversals.**

**Remind us again of what we need in order to have life.**

**Help us remember how you have redeemed us,**

**and, in remembering,**

**may we make a different kind of confession:**

**that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet*

*sinner; 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.**

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 she**

**may grow in service with others. We will pray for her to**

**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 Annie Carlton*

*to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her*

*faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you**

**Annie Carlton, 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.....Lynda Jones

**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: Luke 16:19-31.....(pew Bible, pages 851-852)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 427: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life.....Germany

*The 3 and 4 year olds who are receiving Bibles today, and their parents, are invited to join*

*Maggie at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn for the presentation of Bibles.*

Presentation of Bibles.....Maggie Jarrell

Blessing (congregation in unison)

**Holy God, We thank you for each of these children before us. We**

**love them and we ask your blessing on them and the adults who care**

**for them. Lord, may they all experience your love as they discover**

**together the stories of scripture. We pray that the stories will light up**

**their paths and help them grow to be the people you created them to**

**be. We ask that your word would live in their hearts all their days.**

**Amen.**

Sermon: Mind the Gap.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

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: My Eternal King.....Jane Marshall

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,

nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace;

for me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?

Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;

not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;

but as thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing:

solely because thou art my God, and my eternal King.

† 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!**

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 108: God Hath Spoken By the Prophets.....Ebenezer

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Grant Us, O God.....Thomas Tallis

Voluntary: Allegro Maestoso e Vivace from *Sonata II*.....Felix Mendelssohn  
*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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The altar flowers today are given in memory of William Lambeth Lester and  
Pattie French Byrn Lester by Elizabeth Fox and Laura and Tom Pollock.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of William Park "Will" Moore on  
September 18, 2019 to Chase and Sarah Jane Moore, and big brother, Charlie.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Davis Grace Freeman on  
September 25, 2019 to Brian and Katie Freeman, and big brother, Thomas.

Carlisle Townsend Wren, son of Joel Graham Wren and Mollie McCormick  
Wren, was presented for baptism today in the early service.

Annie Carlton Veirs, daughter of Brick Veirs and Kimberly Veirs,  
is presented for baptism today.

Bibles are being presented to the following preschoolers today:

Ava Byrne  
Henry Chambers  
Madeline Grace Duncan  
Kate Fowler  
Madeline Gambill  
Jack Garrison  
David Geiger  
Emmeline Hatafsky  
Sarah Scott Hollett  
Will Howerton  
Livie Lemmons  
Carter Morse  
Charlie Pettigrew  
Sallyann Riley  
Brooks Truscello  
Piper Truscello  
James Whitworth  
Valla Marie Wilson



*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 and Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....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.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

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. If you prefer to step out of the service, worship is live-streamed in Bishop's Parlor.

An accessible, all-gender restroom is available in Bishop's Parlor. This single-stall restroom includes a diaper changing station and assistance railing.

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](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

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Liturgy: Erin Racine

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a resource by Thom Shuman on the Lectionary Liturgies blog.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist and accompanist. The Asbury and Chapel Choirs I and II. Sarah Sharp, conductor.

Today's Music: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" was originally published under this Scripture: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Timothy 1:17 KJV). After paraphrasing this verse in the first stanza, the author, Walter C. Smith, goes on to elaborate on the themes of light, immortality, and glory in the following stanzas.

"My Eternal King" was written by Jane Marshall in 1951. At the time she was a 26 year old homemaker singing in the choir at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX. She had never written a choral anthem before. In 1954, the piece was published and she, almost instantaneously, became the most famous American Methodist choral composer in the nation. She would go on to write 200 more sacred works. She passed away in May at the age of 96. In honor of her life and career, Methodist churches around the globe are singing her music this morning. West End is proud to take part in the celebration with this morning's offertory anthem.

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