

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Holy Manna.....Shape Note Hymn, arr. Morris

Welcome.....Erin Racine  
*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: Lord Jesus Christ.....17th c. German

† Processional Hymn No. 568: Christ for the World We Sing.....Italian Hymn

† Call to Worship.....Maggie Jarrell  
Liturgist: *It is good to be gathered together!*  
People: **It is good to be in God's presence!**  
Liturgist: *May our words, our songs, and our thoughts be pleasing to our God.*  
People: **Let us worship with reverence, and serve God with joy!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Loving God,**  
**this morning we confess that all is not right with us.**  
**We neglect your word,**  
**we fail to meditate on your law,**  
**and we do not put you first in our lives.**  
**Hurt and injury mark our relationships with others,**  
**and there are walls of anger and hatred between us.**  
**Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions**  
**and for blaming others for the brokenness around us.**  
**Call us back to a way of life that honors you,**  
**and guide us to love and forgiveness.**  
**In the name of Christ we pray,**  
**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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Irwin Fisher  
**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: Matthew 5:21-30.....(pew Bible, page 786)

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 join Erin at the chancel during the singing of the Gloria Patri for the Children's Moment.*

**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: Higher Love.....Erin Racine

† 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.**

Ministry Moment.....Planned Giving

Offertory: Simple Gifts.....arr. Marie Pooler  
*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true  
simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be  
ashamed, To turn, turn will be our delight, Till by  
turning, turning we come round right.*

† Doxology.....No. 95

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 567: Heralds of Christ.....National Hymn

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Fanfare.....William Mathias  
*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 Robert Adrian Downing and in honor of Peggy Drumright Downing by their family.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Remi Michael Kennedy on February 8 to Sarah and Sean Kennedy. He is also welcomed by his grandmother, Margaret Williams, and his aunt, Lizzie Williams.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Duke Hawthorne Deitmen on February 12 to Kindall and Nick Deitmen. He is also welcomed by big sister, CJ.



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 Handbell Rehearsals.....4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

**Weekly Activities**

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 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: Byron Burrus  
Cover art: Bergpredict [Sermon on the Mount], Emma Schlangenhausen  
Liturgy: Erin Racine

The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource by Ruth Duck in the book, *“Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship.”* The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer on the website of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ. The Joy Ringers.

Today’s Music: “Christ for the World and the World for Christ” was the theme for the YMCA convention of 1869, which took place in Cleveland, OH. The words of the theme were constructed with evergreen branches and displayed above the speaker’s platform. After reflecting on the theme and immediately upon returning to the parsonage of the Plymouth Congregational Church where he was pastor, Samuel Wolcott wrote the hymn, “Christ for the World We Sing.” It appeared in W. H. Doane’s *Songs of Devotion for Christian Associations*, 1870, and entered most evangelical hymnals in 1920.  
(Carlton Young)

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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