

GATHERING

Voluntary: Meditation.....Gabriel Dupont

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.

Commissioning of the Guatemala Mission Team

Minister and Congregation: **Almighty God, whose love for the whole family of humankind has been made known to us through Jesus, send your blessing upon these your servants soon to go forth to join you in mission with the people of Guatemala. Grant that they be guided and strengthened for their task; that they be open to new truths and insights from their hosts, and that they be given good health and traveling mercies; to the end that your name be glorified in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Introit: Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days.....Richard Redhead

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

† Processional Hymn No. 116: The God of Abraham Praise.....Leoni

† Call to Worship.....Emily C. Robbins

Liturgist: Come let us worship God,
People: who calls us to a holy fast.
Liturgist: Come let us worship God,
People: who calls us to sacrifice in secret.
Liturgist: Come let us worship God,
People: who invites us to store our treasures in heaven.
All: Come let us worship God!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have made a show of our faith.
We have put ourselves on display
so that others might look at us and admire our piety.
We have been overwhelmed by greed.
We have put our trust in our earthly possessions
rather than storing up treasures in heaven.
We have fallen short of the call to love you, Lord,
and to love our neighbors.
Forgive us. Have mercy on us. Show us the better way.
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: Only Love Can Do That.....Mark Miller

Darkness cannot drive our darkness, hatred cannot drive our hate. Only love can do that. (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lenten Prayer for Illumination (in unison).....Clayton Jenkins

O God, we offer all of our preconceptions about this Scripture, all of our safe, familiar interpretations, to the flame of your refining fire. Turn them into ashes, and let new meaning rise like the sun at the dawn of a new day. Amen.

A lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 6:16-24.....(pew Bible, page 787)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 399: Take My Life, and Let It Be.....Messiah

The children are invited to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn for the Children's Moment.

Sermon: Giving Up to Give.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Will Compton

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: He Watching Over Israel (from Elijah).....Felix Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps. Shouldst thou walking in grief languish he will quicken thee. (Psalm 121:4, 138:7)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 534: Be Still, My Soul.....Finlandia

† Benediction

† Lenten Benediction Response.....Tallis Canon

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: Fugue (from Sonata no. 6).....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 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 to the glory of God from the wedding of Emily Hunter and Clay Wright.



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 or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

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Liturgy: Maggie Jarrell

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

Today's Music: "Be Still My Soul" first appeared in the *Neue Sammlung geistlicher Lieder*, 1752, in six stanzas. The hymn first entered the *Methodist Hymnal* in 1935 in three stanzas. The tune was adapted from Jean Silbelius's tone poem, *Finlandia*, for the 1933 hymnal of the Presbyterian Church. The hymn expresses trust in God regardless of what may be going on in the world, especially things that are out of our control. We use this hymn this weekend to continue to be in prayer with those affected by the tornados in Nashville, along with those who are dealing with tragic events daily throughout the world.

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