

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
April 19, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Youth Sunday

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome Anna Bigelow

† Hymn No. 400: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

† Call to Worship Catherine Ryan

Liturgist: Sing a new song!

People: A springtime shout-out to life!

Liturgist: Sing praise to our joyful Easter God

People: Whose power brings new life out of death!

Liturgist: Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth

People: Find refreshment and strength for a future of hope!

Liturgist: For God has taken ordinary things

Together: And made them extraordinary: Sing a new song!

† Call to Confession.....Margo Jenkins

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious God,

with you there is always more life, more hope, more joy.

When doubts and anxieties overwhelm us,

and we fail to recognize you at work in our lives,

Lord, have mercy!

When fear and uncertainty impair our faith,

and our eyes and ears and hearts do not know you,

Christ, have mercy!

When anger and sorrow stop us

from doing the risky work of loving ALL your children,

our adopted siblings,

Lord, have mercy! 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.....Olivia Pickens

Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people, we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Connor Harris
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.

Lesson from the New Testament: Romans 8:14-17 (from *The Message*)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment.....Tate Dillon

Sermon:.....Adventurously Expectant
Jillian Horton, Hudson Gilliland & Aasha Zinke

† 2020 Seniors' Affirmation from Confirmation (*in unison*).....Seniors

We believe God is the creator of heaven and earth and is still creating. God is one, our judge and our Savior.

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to us in human form to save us from our sins, so we can be forgiven. Jesus allows us to have more faith in God.

We believe the Holy Spirit is the light of God that guides us in all we do. The Holy Spirit is God's presence with us.

We believe that human beings are children of God, created in God's image. Human beings all sin but can be forgiven through prayer.

We believe that the Church is the community of worship and service in Jesus where people connect with God and become closer to God.

We believe as a disciple of Jesus Christ that we are servant leaders, children of God, and living proof of God's love. As disciples of Jesus, we spread God's word and love to our neighbors.

Amen.

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....RJ Gilliland

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

Liturgist: God, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

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.**

Call for the Offering..... Fred Rudolph

Offertory: What Wondrous Love Is This.....Hilde Medovich

† 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. 593 Here I Am, Lord..... Here I Am, Lord

† Benediction.....Riley Verner

Postlude

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God from the West End United Methodist Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund. Donations designated for this fund are used on Sundays when there are no individual donors.

Thanks to the youth of West End UMC for preparing today's liturgy.

Music Participants: Minister of Music Matthew Phelps. Susan and Mary Frances Harrell. Kyle and Rebecca Collier. Hilde Medovich, soloist.



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 everyone: every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status, ethnicity, and mental and physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Note all activities are postponed as we practice social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please visit westendumc.org for the latest news and updates as we continue our ministry.

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