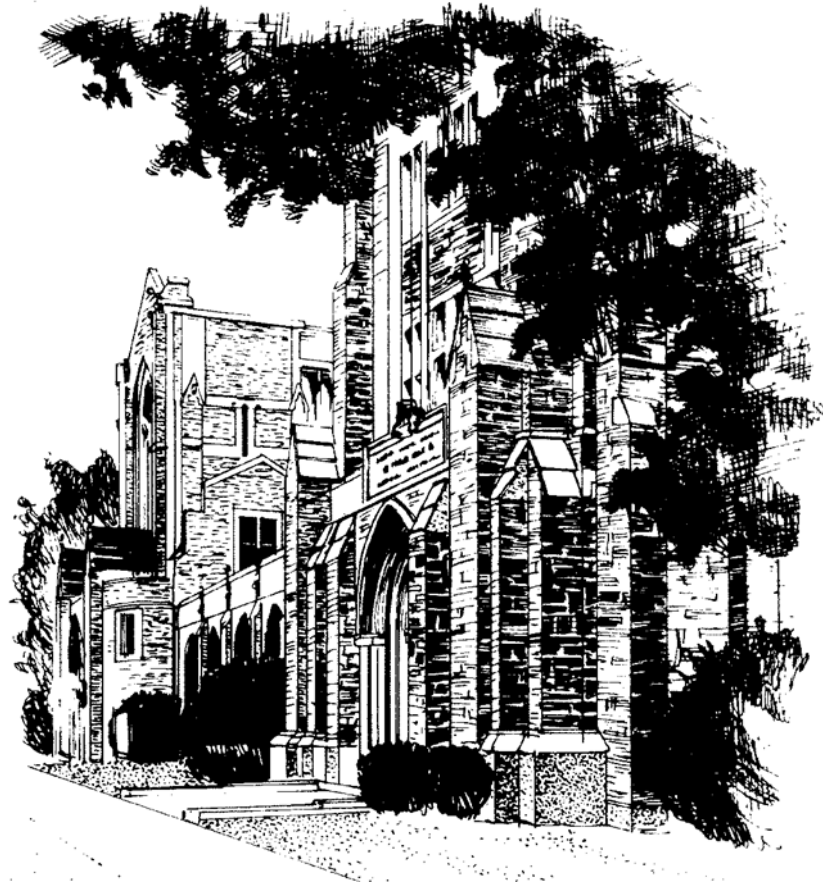


# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 17, 2020 at Eight Forty-five  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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### GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio from *Sonata I* ..... Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon  
*Please take a moment to record your online attendance in the link provided in the comment section. First-time guests and other visitors 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: O Come Let Us Worship ..... Vincent Persichetti  
O Come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. O Lord hear and save us, Amen.

† Processional Hymn No. 152: .....Forest Green  
I Sing the Almighty Power of God

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *Though we are distant from one another, we are never alone.*  
**People: God's Spirit is with us forever!**  
Liturgist: *Though we are distant from one another, we are never abandoned.*  
**People: Our Loving Parent will never leave us orphaned!**  
Liturgist: *Though we are distant from one another, we are not helpless.*  
**People: Christ lives in us and empowers us for ministry.**  
**ALL: Let us worship our Triune God together!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Maker of us all,**  
**we confess that we are often too preoccupied**  
**to notice your abiding presence in our lives.**  
**We fail to acknowledge the ways in which you uphold us**  
**and all of creation,**  
**and we fail to savor your companionship**  
**in the midst of our daily lives.**  
**Forgive us, O God of Love.**  
**Open our eyes to the wonder of your tenderness and power**  
**alive in our world today,**  
**that as grateful recipients of your companionship,**  
**encouragement, and love,**  
**we might reach out to others to offer the same.**  
**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.**

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Easter Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*) ..... J. L. Nave  
**Resurrecting God, open our hearts to your Holy Word so that we may truly understand; and understanding, that we may believe; and believing, that we may follow Jesus Christ in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.**

Lesson from the Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Not Alone ..... Maggie Jarrell

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*) ..... No. 883  
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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 Anthem: Sing We Triumphant Hymns..... Michael Praetorius  
Sing we triumphant hymns of praise, Alleluia  
New hymns to heaven exulting, Alleluia.  
Christ by a road before untrod, Alleluia,  
Ascendeth to the throne of God, Alleluia.  
O risen Christ, ascended Lord, Alleluia,  
All praise to thee let earth accord, Alleluia.  
Who art while endless ages run, Alleluia,  
With Father and with Spirit One, Alleluia.

† 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. 140: Great Is Thy Faithfulness .....Faithfulness

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound .....Land of Rest

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in B-flat ..... Georg Philipp Telemann

† *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 today are given to the glory of God from the West End United Methodist Flower Fund. Donations designated for this fund are used on Sundays when there are no individual donors. These flowers are then given to Richland Place, where their Flower Committee uses the flowers in smaller arrangements throughout their facility. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund.



*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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The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a resource by Rebecca Gaudino on the *Ministry Matters* website.

Music Participants: The Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist-director this morning. Andrew Risinger is assisting at the organ.

Today's Music: Author Thomas Chisholm wrote over 1200 poems, including the famous hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." He was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866 and worked as a school teacher, a newspaper editor, and an insurance agent. Upon retiring, he spent his remaining days at the Methodist Home for the Aged in New Jersey. Unlike many hymns that have heart-wrenching stories behind them (for instance "It Is Well With My Soul"), "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is inspired by the simple realization that God is at work in our lives on a daily basis. Chisolm wrote, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now, although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."

**West End United Methodist Church**

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