

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
July 19, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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GATHERING

Voluntary: AriaFlor Peeters

Welcome..... Brandon Baxter

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: Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now 17th Century German
Lord Jesus Christ be present now, our hearts in true devotion bow.
Thy Spirit send with grace divine and let thy truth within us shine.

† Processional Hymn No. 73: O Worship the KingLyons

† Call to Worship.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: *O Lord, you have searched us and know us.*

People: **You discern our thoughts from far away.**

Liturgist: *You search our path; you are acquainted with our ways.*

People: **You hem us in, behind and before;
you lay your hand upon us.**

Liturgist: *Where can we go from your spirit? Where can we flee
from your presence?*

People: **If we ascend to the highest heaven or go down to the
lowest valley, you are there.**

All: **Everywhere we are, O Lord, we worship you.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Loving and Merciful God,

**in these times of anxiety, uncertainty, and grief,
it is tempting to believe you are nowhere to be found.**

We shoulder our own worries, or we turn a blind eye.

**We struggle to loosen our grip and to offer you our open hands;
now more than ever, it is difficult to trust.**

**And yet, you have always been here with us,
even when we were not aware.**

Forgive us, Loving God, for forgetting the depths of your love for us.

**Restore the hope we have in you
so we may be bearers of your goodness and love
everywhere we go. 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

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)..... Mary Mitchell

**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 Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-19a

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Chutes and Step Ladders..... Brandon Baxter

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church Nancy Parker

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: Offertory John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the
exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves
a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten
thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my
transgression the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has
shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require
of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your
God. (Micah 6:6-8)

† Doxology.....No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person 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 him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Family of God, these persons are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

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

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 128:.....He Leadeth Me
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Ralph Vaughan Williams
God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Voluntary: In Thee is Gladness, BWV 615.....J. S. Bach

† *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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New member Damon Evans is coming forward for baptism.

The altar flowers 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 fun are used on Sundays when there are no individual donors.



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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Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps is conductor and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

Today’s Music: On a Wednesday evening, Joseph Gilmore was preaching at a mid-week prayer service on the topic of Psalm 23. He wrote later, “I set out to give the people an exposition of the 23rd Psalm, but I got no further than the words ‘He leadeth me.’ Those words took hold of me as they had never done before. I saw in them a significance and beauty of which I had never dreamed...At the close of the meeting a few of us kept on talking about the thoughts which I had emphasized; and then and there, on a back page of my sermon notes, I penciled the hymn just as it stands today, handed it to my wife, and thought no more of it...She sent it without my knowledge to the *Watchman and Reflector* magazine, and there it first appeared in print December 4, 1862.” (Psalter Hymnal Handbook on the hymn, “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”)

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