

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2020

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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 26, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Paul Benoit
Devotional in A, no. 6 (from *Pieces on Modal Themes*)

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: 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. 89: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

† Call to Worship Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *Holy God, we come to worship this day seeking good news: nothing can separate us from your love,*

People: **not even hardships, distress, persecution, or famine.**

Liturgist: *No one can separate us from your love,*

People: **not even angels, rulers, or powers of this world.**

Liturgist: *No time or space can separate us from your love,*

People: **not even life or death, not even the past, the present, or the things to come.**

All: **We are loved by you no matter what. Amen.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of Abundant Love,
We confess that we often doubt your love for us.
We struggle to see your hope in the midst of such global despair.
We forget that you are for us, O God, not against us.
When we lack eloquent words, we question that you hear
our prayers. Still we cry out to you in our sighs,
our groans, and even our silence.
Remind us that your Spirit knows our hearts and hears what we
struggle to say.
Renew our assurance in your presence.
Confirm us in your unending love. 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*)..... Samuel Wilson

**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 8:18-19, 24-39

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: God's Unbreakable Vow Carol Cavin-Dillon

Joys & Concerns of the Church Maggie Jarrell

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: O Lord, Increase My Faith Henry Loosemore

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience in all my adversity, sweet Jesus, say Amen.

† 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 Baptismal Covenant and Confirmation

Presentation of Confirmands..... Maggie Jarrell

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *And now to the members of the congregation, I ask: do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?*

People: **We do.**

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons 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 these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

† Affirmation of Faith.....2020 Confirmation Class Creed

We believe God is love and God will guide you during times of joy and times of sadness.

We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, and we will follow him to the ends of the Earth.

We believe the Holy Spirit is within us in life, in death, and life beyond death.

We believe worship is coming together as one to celebrate God's presence.

We believe that when you are baptized you are marked as a child of God and show your loyalty to God.

We believe Holy Communion makes Jesus part of you because when you drink the wine, it is the blood of Christ; and when you eat the bread, it is the body of Christ.

We believe we are called to treat all equally with love and kindness.

We believe we love and serve our neighbors because it is the right thing to do, and we do this by offering free food, shelter, clothes, and a helping hand.

We believe that being a part of the church means to be loyal to our faith and supporting others in their journeys of faith.

Confirmation

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend these persons 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. 549: Where Charity and Love Prevail..... St. Peter

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake, O Sleeper (vs. 5)..... Amazing Grace
For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Voluntary: Allegro Moderato Maestoso Felix Mendelssohn

† *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 this morning are given in celebration of the 2020 Confirmands, their Friends in Faith, and their families by Jim and Nancy Culver.



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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Liturgy by Katie Minnis.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

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

Today's Music: "O Lord, Increase My Faith" was written by English composer Henry Loosemore, but for many years was attributed to Orlando Gibbons. Henry Loosemore served as the organist at King's College, Cambridge. In 1640, Loosemore was granted the degree of B.Mus. by the University, on the supplication of King's College avowing that "he had studied the art of musical composition for seven years, together with its practice, and has achieved approval of those skilled in the art." His other compositions include a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis for evensong and "Why Art Thou So Heavy, O My Soul?"

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