

GATHERING

Voluntary: My Tribute..... Crouch, arr. Bock

WelcomeCarol 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.

† Opening Hymn No. 60: I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath Old 113th
I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immorality endures.

† Call to Worship Nancy Parker
Liturgist: O sing to the Lord a new song:
People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Liturgist: O sing to the Lord:
People: Declare God's marvelous works among all the peoples.
Liturgist: O sing to the Lord,
People: who is revealed among us.
All: We praise your name, O God!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Christ our Lord, Teacher and Friend,
you challenge us to see the world in ways that don't always make sense.
We confess that we get angry as we hear voices that promote harm to your children.
We confess that we are confused as we try to navigate this world of polarization, prejudice, and hostility.
We confess that we often become spiritually drained and fall into the trap of apathy.
We confess that we make mistakes, even as we try to do what we believe is right.
Remind us to respond to the anger wisely, as you responded.
Remind us to be peacemakers and justice-bringers, even in the confusion.
Remind us to show up in the world on behalf of the poor, the neglected, and the outcast, working towards true acceptance and inclusion for all your children.
May we be responsible with the task of rendering to you, O God, what is divinely yours. 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 Jeff Fisher
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.

A lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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

Sermon: Renderings Brandon Baxter

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church

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.

Ministry Moment.....Brent Clark

Offertory: "Ich Ruf Zu Dir" BWV 639.....Bach-Busoni

† 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

† Closing Hymn No. 399: Take My Life and Let It Be..... Wellesley

† Benediction

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in D William Fuhrer

† The congregation is invited 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 and with immense gratitude for our amazing pastoral staff who consistently enrich and bless our congregation.

Frances Taylor Dzwonkowski, daughter of Jennifer and Taylor Dzwonkowski, was presented for baptism in the early service today.



West End United Methodist Church

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WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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!

Note: activities at the church are on a modified schedule 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.

Call to Worship was adapted from Psalm 96.

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Music Participants: Steve Hyman, piano. Matthew Phelps and Andrew Risinger are organists.

Today's Music: Here is how author Frances Havergal describes the events that inspired the writing of the hymn "Take My Life and Let it Be": "I went for a little visit of five days. There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed for; some converted, but not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer: 'Lord, give me all in this house.' And He just DID! Before I left the house, everyone had got a blessing. The last night of my visit, after I had retired, the governess asked me to go to the two daughters. They were crying, etc. Then and there both of them trusted and rejoiced. It was nearly midnight. I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in praise and renewal of my own consecration; and these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in my heart one after another till they finished with 'ever, only, all for Thee.'" (Lutheran Hymnal Handbook, p. 486)

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 October 18, 2020 at Eleven o'clock
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