

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 October 25, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

2200 West End Avenue
 Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Dieterich Buxtehude
 A Mighty Fortress is Our God, BuxWV 184

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 Let Us Praise Thee Richard Farrant
 O let us praise thee, thou our God, and so let all our days;
 And O let heaven's eternal day be thine eternal praise.

† Opening Hymn No. 110: A Mighty Fortress Ein' Feste Burg

† Call to Worship Brandon Baxter
 Liturgist: *Lord, before we knew your name, you knew us and loved us.*
 People: **Loving God, may we love you with all our hearts.**
 Liturgist: *Omniscient Lord, nothing about us is hidden from you.*
 People: **Loving God, may we love you with all that we are.**
 Liturgist: *Compassionate Lord, your love for us never fails.*
 People: **Loving God, may we love ourselves as you love us.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
 Merciful God, we confess
 that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have failed to be an obedient church.
 We have not done your will,
 we have broken your law,
 we have rebelled against your love,
 we have not loved our neighbors,
 and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
 Forgive us, we pray.
 Free us for joyful obedience,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

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

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Cecilia Jane to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*
 † People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Cecilia Jane, 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.**

† Musical Response.....No. 611, st. 1
**Child of blessing, child of promise,
 baptized with the Spirit's sign:
 with this water God has sealed you
 unto love and grace divine.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Doug Arnold
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 22:34-46

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

Third Grade Bible Celebration
 Savannah Bakker, Meredith Barker, Keith Dunnivant, Lucy Garrison, Elizabeth Geiger, Tiner Goldsby, Henry Howerton, Liam McGuire, Anna Lane McMillan, Henrik Meyer, Aine Morgan-Curtis, Thomas Rutterer, and Peter Weiss.

Sermon: The Greatest Commandment.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† The World Methodist Social Affirmation..... No. 886

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Katie Minnis

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.....Ashley Howerton

Offertory: Teach Me, O Lord Thomas Attwood
Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

† 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

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: *Would the congregation please rise in body or in spirit, and join me in welcoming our newest members? 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.**

Liturgist: *Now may the God of all grace strengthen you by the connecting and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, that together we may be the loving light of Christ in the world. Amen.*

† Closing Hymn No. 384: Love Divine, All Loves ExcellingBeecher

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen..... Danish

Voluntary: Toccata from *Suite Gothique*Léon Boëllmann

† *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 in loving memory of Ann Hardeman Fort, Combs Lawson Fort, and Combs Lawson Fort, Jr. by Linda and Hal Moses.

Cecilia Jane DeVault, daughter of Mary and Ben DeVault, is presented for baptism today.



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.

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Liturgy by Sarah McCain.

Cover Art: A white rose representing pure love photographed from the Dobson window in our sanctuary, given by Sophia and Matt Dobson in appreciation of their children. Matt Hughes Dobson, IV, James Ezzell Dobson, Lillian Ezzell Dobson, John Morehead Dobson, and in loving memory of their infant son, Moran Dobson.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

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

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