

GATHERING

Voluntary: Air.....Samuel Wesley

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.

† Opening Hymn No. 61: Come, Thou Almighty King .....Italian Hymn
Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, ever more. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

† Call to Worship..... Sarah McCain
Liturgist: Prepare our hearts, O God;
People: we long to hear your voice.
Liturgist: Prepare our minds, O God;
People: we turn our thoughts toward you.
Liturgist: Prepare our bodies, O God;
People: we lift our hands in praise!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God,
we confess that too often we are not ready. We are not ready for the call to love, to serve, and to follow.
We make too many excuses: it's too hard, it doesn't affect me, I don't have time.
We find it easier to fall asleep, to give in to apathy and passivity, rather than to stand ready.
We slip into complacency, and we go along to get along.
We turn away from those crying out for help and for justice.
Forgive us, O God. Have mercy on us.
Give us ears to hear. Give us eyes to see. Give us hands willing to help.
Break our hearts, Lord, for what breaks yours.
Move us to compassion and to action.
Help us be ready when you call. 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 .....Lauren LeSturgeon
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 25:1-13

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

Sermon: Awake and Restful.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Sarah McCain

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..... Fern Richie

Offertory: Then Shall the Righteous Shine (from Elijah)....Felix Mendelssohn

† 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. 733: Marching to Zion ..... Marching to Zion

† Benediction

Voluntary: Fugue in G minor, BWV 578 ..... J. S. Bach

† 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 appreciation of all who have reached out and helped others.



# West End United Methodist Church

## PASTORAL STAFF

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 Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor  
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 Stacey Harwell-Dye ..... Pastor of Missions & Outreach  
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## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

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Scott Brons.....Music  
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# WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
 November 8, 2020 at Eleven o'clock  
 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

2200 West End Avenue  
 Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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 www.westendumc.org

*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.

Liturgy: Maggie Jarrell

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Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

Music Participants: Andrew Risinger, organist. Scott Brons, tenor.

Today's Music: "Come We That Love the Lord" is the only hymn in our hymnal to have two melodies to the same set of words. The hymn was traditionally sung to the tune, ST. THOMAS, though most people throughout Methodism knew the tune, MARCHING TO ZION, through Sunday School and revival hymn sings. West End member and hymnal editor, Carlton Young, explains the reason in his *Companion to the Methodist Hymnal*, stating, "The appearance of these tunes side by side in our hymnal exemplifies United Methodism's inured struggle to serve its multiethnic, national, intergenerational, and intercultural constituencies with a single and inclusive worship resource reflecting their diversity of musical taste and worship practices." (Young, p. 304)