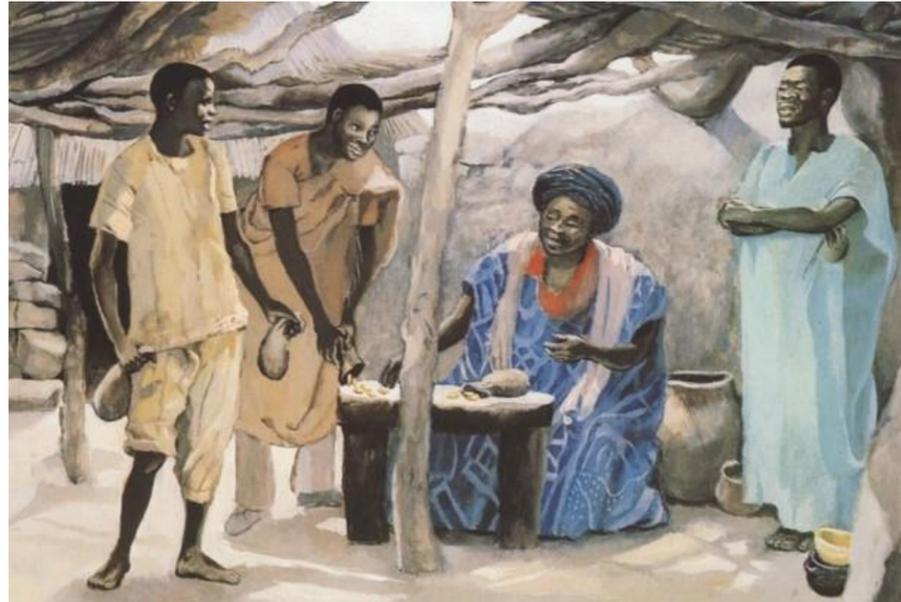


# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
November 15, 2020 at Eight Forty-five  
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on Beach Spring..... Wayne Wold

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: Bless the Lord .....Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

Come ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known;  
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

† Opening Hymn No. 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....Azmon

† Call to Worship ..... Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *We gather as a broken people in need of Christ's healing.*

People: **May Christ restore our suffering hearts.**

Liturgist: *Together we turn to Christ, the provider of all our needs.*

People: **May Christ's provision sustain our lives.**

Liturgist: *Together we rest in Christ, the comforter of the world.*

People: **May the peace of Christ enfold our souls.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Provider God,  
your economy is governed by abundance.  
All you give us –

our talents and our blessings –  
are multiplied when we use them  
in the service of your kingdom.

And yet so often we do not use our gifts to serve you.

We miss our opportunities to embody  
generosity, vulnerability, or hospitality.

Instead, we use the things we have for ourselves alone.

Removing our gifts from your economy,  
we reduce plenty to poverty.

Give us courage to use our gifts as you intended:  
for worship, for healing, and for grace.

As we cultivate this practice, envelop us in  
the richness of your economy,  
where water runs from stone,  
where bread cast out returns,  
and where what is given is received again:  
pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing.

† 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.**

† Affirmation of At-One-Ment

Liturgist: *During this uncertain time for Methodists, we affirm our shared vision for this congregation. No matter where you are on your faith journey:*

Congregation: **Everyone is welcome here; you are not alone.**

Liturgist: *We will love and support all members of this congregation as we endeavor to become better disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, embracing our diversity and encouraging others to join us.*

Congregation: **Everyone is a child of God. We belong to one another.**

Liturgist: *We find the statement in the United Methodist Book of Discipline that "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching" irreconcilable with our mission. Instead, we will advocate for the inclusion all people in the life and ministries of The United Methodist Church, fully and without exceptions.*

All: **God loves everyone unconditionally. God is with us, every one of us, always.**

† 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.....Gretchen Horner

**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 25:14-30

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Risky Business.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith .....No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church .....Nancy Parker

† *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 flowers on the altar are given by Mary Lawrence Breinig and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew (Andy) Andela, former organist and choirmaster at Belle Meade 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.

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Liturgy by Jayme Yeo.

Cover Art: "The Three Servants," a 1973 painting by Jesus Mafa, a Christian group in Cameroon, Africa, that staged dramatic interpretations of New Testament lectionary readings and took photographs of them. Later, members of that community adapted the photographs in paintings.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

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

Today's Music: Originally consisting of eighteen stanzas, most hymnals have modified the text to "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," to include stanzas 7-12 (the first six stanzas are primarily autobiographical of Wesley's conversion experience), and end with the original stanza 1, the doxology stanza. The title of the song was acquired by Wesley from his friend Peter Böhler, a Moravian, who said, "If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all" (*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*.)

## West End United Methodist Church

### PASTORAL STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church .....Ministers  
Carol Cavin-Dillon ..... Senior Pastor  
Erin Racine..... Pastor of Hospitality & Congregational Care  
Brandon Baxter.....Pastor & Coordinator of Spiritual Formation  
Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children & Family Ministries  
Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach  
Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults & Vandy Wesley  
Katie Minnis ..... Pastoral Fellow

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Matthew Phelps ..... Minister of Music  
Andrew Risinger..... Associate Minister of Music  
Emily C. Robbins ..... Minister of Youth  
Shelley Kuhlmeier ..... Communications Director

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Sandra Durbin.....Church Financial Officer  
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Christopher Harris .....Youth  
Sarah McCain .....Congregational Care

*To reach a member of the staff by email, use their first initial with their last name at westendumc.org, except for Bob Hilton.*

### 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: In Thee is Gladness ..... Henry Ley

In Thee is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesu, Sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art!  
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest,  
Who trust Thee hath surely hath built securely. He stands forever,  
Hallelujah!

Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining, Dying or living to Thee our  
cleaving, Nought can us sever, Hallelujah!

If he is ours, we fear no powers, Nor of earth, nor sin, nor death:  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses, He can change them with a  
breath. Wherefore the story tell of his glory with heart and voices;  
All heaven rejoices in him forever, Hallelujah!

We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, love Thee and praise  
Thee and still shall raise Thee glad hymns forever, Hallelujah!

† 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: God Whose Giving Knows No Ending.....Beach Spring

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Allegro Marziale ..... Frank Bridge