

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 17, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Allegretto from *Sonata IV* Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Ministry Moment Project Transformation

Introit: O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord Hal Hopson
O come let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Sing and Rejoice!

† Opening Hymn No. 116: The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

† Call to Worship Maggie Jarrell
Liturgist: *Loving Lord, you work all things together for our good.*
People: Merciful God, show us the way.
Liturgist: *Infinite Creator, when our surroundings are dim and hopelessness is easier than faith,*
People: Merciful God, show us the way.
Liturgist: *Redeemer, lead us to become the people you have created us to be.*
People: Merciful God, show us the way.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Almighty God,
it was from chaos that you created our world,
and now, though everything around us swirls,
you alone are unshakeable, immovable.
We wonder which way is up.
How many more times will we witness what was unfathomable to us
just months before and we wonder: Where is our place in
this? What is the right thing to do? And how do we do it?
Forgive us, Loving God, for forgetting for even a moment
that we do not come to these days alone.
God of Justice, we, your people, want to do what is righteous in your
sight.
Attune our ears to the beckoning of your Spirit.
Fill our hearts with your unfailing love for us all.
Remind us continuously of the characteristics of your kingdom
that we may be busy working it into existence
in every moment that we have the opportunity
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 Lynda Jones
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 Exodus 1:8-20

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Call the Midwives Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Litany for Peace with Justice
Liturgist: *God, when we hear of violence and destruction, we want to close our eyes and look away.*
People: Help us to engage and stand up for what is right.
Liturgist: *We want to blame the other and say, "Look at what they did."*
People: Help us to see the log in our own eye before pointing out the speck in theirs.
Liturgist: *We want to retreat to our lives of comfort and ease.*
People: Help us to be disturbed by the evil in the world and do the work to overcome it.
Liturgist: *We want to move to quick reconciliation without repentance.*
People: Help us to desire real healing with honest truth-telling.
Liturgist: *In our baptismal vows, we promise to resist evil and injustice in whatever forms they present themselves.*
People: Help us to denounce racism, hateful speech, and harmful actions done in your name.
All: Give us the holy boldness to live in these times and to work for the day when peace with justice reigns.

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.

Offertory: Grant Us Thy Peace Felix Mendelssohn Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, O source of ev’ry blessing! We cannot keep Thy saving word, unless Thy peace possessing, Thy peace O give, by which we live.

† 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: There Is a Line of Women Merle’s Tune
† 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 Maestoso (from Sonata no 5) Felix Mendelssohn

† 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 in loving memory of Thomas A. Turner, Jr., Frances Jackson Turner, Thomas A. Turner, III and Andrew S. Turner by their family.

Grady James Barnes was born January 5th to Jamey and Elizabeth Barnes. He is welcomed also by his grandparents, Jocelyn and Stan Rust, uncle, Ethan Rust, and brother, Thomas Barnes.



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: Shiphrah and Puah, the Hebrew midwives by an unknown artist.

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: “There is a Line of Women” was written by the Scottish Hymn writer, John Bell. A minister, and member of the Iona community, Bell has written hundreds of hymns that have been used in multiple denominations around the world. About hymn writing Bell writes, “I discovered that seldom did our hymns represent the plight of poor people to God. There was nothing that dealt with unemployment, nothing that dealt with living in a multicultural society and feeling disenfranchised. There was nothing about child abuse...that reflected concern for the developing world, nothing that helped see ourselves as brothers and sisters to those who are suffering from poverty or persecution.” (from an interview in Reformed Worship, March 1993)

West End United Methodist Church

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