

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 March 14, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Voluntary: Amazing Grace.....arr. George Shearing

Welcome Brandon Baxter
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: Christ We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois
 Christ we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
 For on the holy cross thou hast the world from sin redeemed.

† Opening Hymn No. 292: What Wondrous Love Is This Wondrous Love

† Call to Worship Maggie Jarrell
 Liturgist: *Early in the morning, Jesus went to the temple.*
People: This morning, we, too, have come to the hour of worship.
 Liturgist: *At the temple, Jesus gathered with those who shared his faith.*
People: In the sanctuary and in our homes, we, too, gather in shared faith.
 Liturgist: *Jesus taught those gathered through word and action.*
People: Let us open our hearts to the ways Jesus might teach us as we worship him!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Loving and Merciful God,
we confess that we are too quick to draw attention to the faults and weaknesses of others.
We have taken up the role of judge and jury when you have called us to love and forgiveness.
In our missteps of moral superiority we drag others into the middle of our quarrels, trying to prove points at their expense.
Free us from our self-righteous judgment of others;
free us from the shame we have felt from others.
Restore our view of the world so that we may choose people over policy.
Restore our love of people so that we may choose to cast love rather than stones.
Like Jesus, may we draw reminders of love and grace at the feet of all people. 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.**

Anthem: It is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord..... Isabella Hudson
 (Asbury Choir video)
 It is good to give thanks to the Lord and sing our praise to him.
 We give thanks, and our voices raise, we will sing God's praise.

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 Ruth Ellen 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, Ruth Ellen, 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 Connor Harris
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: John 8:2-11

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Sticks and Stones and Words Brandon Baxter

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

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: Create in Me a Clean HeartRonald A. Nelson
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your holy spirit
from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing
spirit. (*Psalms 51:10-12*)

† Doxology.....No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 121: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.....Wellesley

† Benediction

† Lenten Benediction Response:Tallis Canon
Throughout these Lenten days and nights, we turn and walk the inward way,
where meeting Christ our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.

Voluntary: Chaconne in E minor.....Dietrich Buxtehude

† *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 today are given to the glory of God from the West End United
Methodist Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the
fund. Donations designated for this fund are used on Sundays when there are
no individual donors.

Ruth Ellen Von Lunen, daughter of Carolyn Riley and Matthew Robert Von
Lunen, 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 written by Katie Minnis.

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Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Andrew Risinger, organist-director.
Matthew Phelps, organist. Asbury Choir.

Today's Music: The author of "What Wondrous Love is This" remains
anonymous, but it's known as a traditional American folk song, first published
in 1811. The text has remained basically untouched since it was first made
popular by the Sacred Harp shape singers in 1844.



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