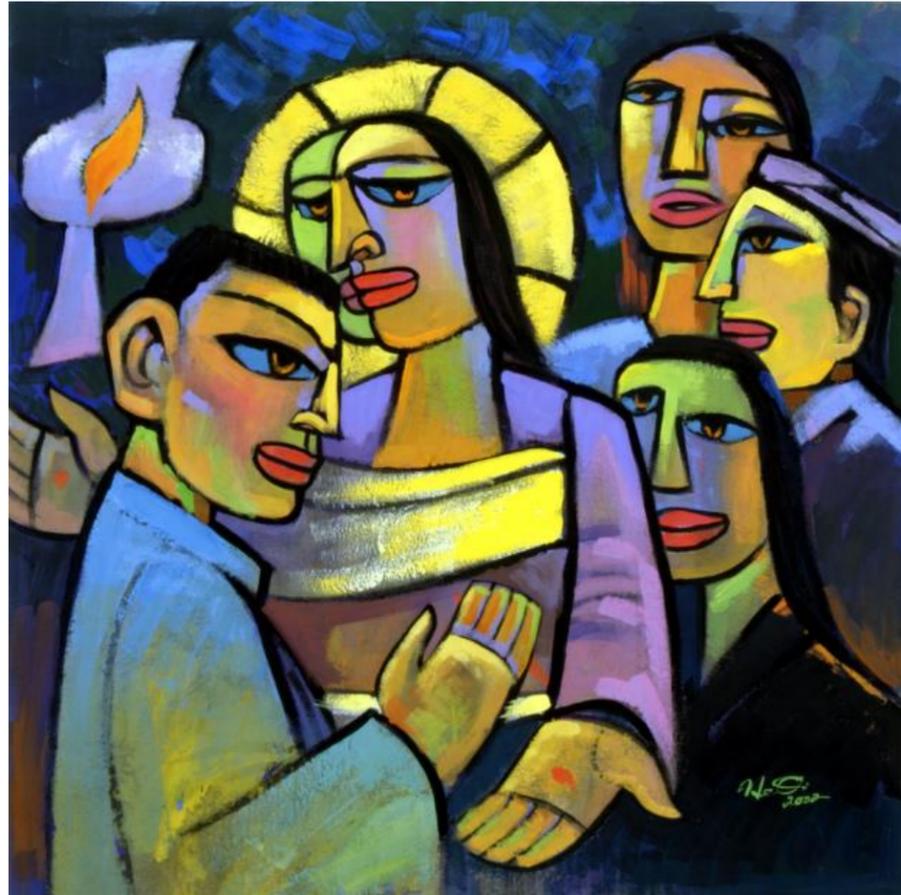


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
April 11, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
Second Sunday of Easter

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Allegretto from *Sonata IV*..... Felix Mendelssohn

WelcomeStacey Harwell-Dye
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 O My SoulMikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

† Opening Hymn No. 318: Christ Is Alive.....Truro

† Call to Worship Carol Cavin-Dillon

Liturgist: *Lord, we gather and wait for your presence to come near.*

People: **O Lord, show yourself to us.**

Liturgist: *We cry out from all our fear and uncertainty.*

People: **O Lord, show yourself to us.**

Liturgist: *We are all wounded and scarred.*

People: **O Lord, show yourself to us.**

Liturgist: *Even in our uncertainty, we have shown up looking for your good news.*

People: **O Lord, show yourself to us.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

O Wounded Teacher,

**while some of us are often surprised by your presence,
awe-struck by the ways you reveal yourself to us,
others of us need more to feel the peace you proclaim.**

**We confess that we judge our doubts and the doubts of others.
We hide, locked away from the world, nursing our wounds
and longing for peace once again.**

**Resurrect our souls through our uncertainties, reminding us of our
sacred humanness.**

**Help our doubt to empower us to boldness, teaching us the
importance of asking for what we need.**

**Guide us through holy skepticism so we might invite Christ to work
anew in us. 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 these friends 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 these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in service with others. We will pray for them to be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Family in Christ, David, Emma, Henry, and Leo are now entrusted to your 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.**

† Musical ResponseNo. 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.....Noah Phelps
**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 20:19-31

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Locked Doors and Wounded BodiesStacey Harwell-Dye

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchTom Lee

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: We Walk by Faith Kenneth T. Kosche

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are with full and endless sight.

Henry Alford, 1844

† 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. 420: Breathe on Me, Breath of GodTrentham

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia no. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.

Voluntary: The Strife is O'er Flor Peeters

† *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.

The rose on the altar table celebrates the birth of Isaac Joseph Matheny to Leslee and Logan Matheny on March 31. He is welcomed also by big brother Amos.

Emma, Henry, and Leo Anderson are presented for baptism today.



Pictured above: David, Emma, Henry, and Leo Anderson.



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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Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

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

Today's Music: The tune most commonly used for "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," is TRENTHAM, which was originally composed by Robert Jackson in 1888 for Henry Baker's "O Perfect Life of Love." Although TRENTHAM has been used with multiple texts throughout the decades, it has been most often placed with "Breathe on Me, Breath of God." Full of hope and power, this tune is the perfect accompaniment for Edwin Hatch's lyrics.



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