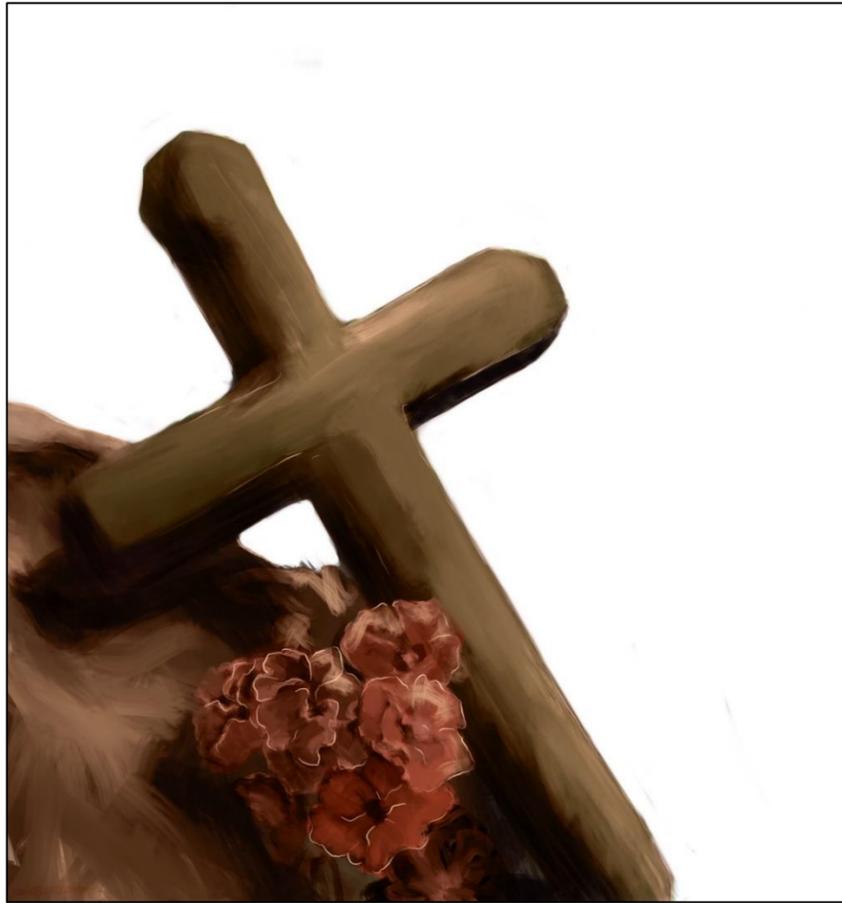


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

April 18, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
Youth Sunday

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Solo on "Be Thou My Vision"Matthew Phelps

Welcome Hilde Medovich

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. 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon
(vss. 1-3, and 7)

† Call to WorshipSam Wilson

Liturgist: *Doubt and fear are gone!*

People: **Light and hope abound!**

Liturgist: *Where we once felt alone and lost,*

People: **Christ has come to walk again with us.**

Liturgist: *Open our minds to understand your Scriptures!*

People: **Open our hearts to love the not-yet-convinced!**

Liturgist: *Hallelujah. Thanks be to God.*

People: **Hallelujah. Thanks be to God.**

† Call to Confession.....Fred Rudolph

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Lord where we have failed to be loving,
we ask for forgiveness.**

**Where we have lacked in peace,
we ask for your grace.**

**Where we have failed to display your Holy Spirit to our neighbor,
we ask for greater mindfulness and empowerment to do so,
for we long to serve you and to help the poor, overlooked,
forgotten, and afflicted.**

**Give us eyes to see your vision for the world,
ears to hear your people's cries,
and hands to nurture and comfort them.**

**Help us be like your son Jesus Christ
in all that we think, say, and do.**

We pray that your kingdom would shine through us. Amen.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Jesus is gentle with our thoughts.*

*The Spirit offers us peace in the midst of our lack of
understanding. The One who created us strengthens our trust.
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..... Noah Parrott

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 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 he
may grow in service with others. We will pray for him 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 James Carter
to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his
faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
James Carter, 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 Anna Bigelow

**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: Luke 24:36-48

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment.....RJ Gilliland

Sermon: Open Hearts, Open Minds ... Mary Frances Harrell & Riley Verner

† 2021 Seniors' Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*).....Seniors
We believe God is the Almighty Creator of all things and the giver of life.
God is forgiving and loves us unconditionally.

We believe Jesus is the Loving Savior, Son of God, King of Kings.
Jesus came to earth to see, feel, and taste, as a human being;
the Truth and Light made flesh.

We believe the Holy Spirit is always with us. Through the Holy Spirit,
we are given strength and guidance to believe in God.
The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.

We believe human beings are the gifted children of God, flawed
but forgiven, who are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We believe the Church is one body in Christ where people come to
celebrate, receive comfort and hope, and give thanks.

We believe as disciples of Christ, we serve the purpose to teach and help
others understand God's love through sharing the loving light of Christ.

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Peter Bigelow

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.**

Call for the Offering.....Margaret Nelson

Offertory: Draw the Circle Wide.....Mark Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand
side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle
wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

† 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

Thank You.....Mary Peacock

† Closing Hymn No. 451: Be Thou My Vision.....Slane

† Benediction.....Connor Harris

Voluntary: The Rejoicing Charles Callahan

† *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 today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Elizabeth Murrey and George S. Dibrell, Elizabeth Dibrell and Alden H. Smith,
George Dibrell Smith, Alden H. Smith Jr, and Judith Gray Walton Smith, by
their family.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Mitzi Louise Larson to Laura
Kirkland Larson and Bradford Sisco Larson on March 31st in Memphis. She is
welcomed also by her grandparents Robin and Shawn Bible.

James Carter Norvell, son of Elizabeth and Clarke Norvell, 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 prepared by the youth of West End UMC.

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