

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 2, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Senior Sunday

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness BWV 654.....J.S. Bach

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing..... Gelobt Sei Gott
Good Christians all rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King,
to all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia!

† Hymn No. 96: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above Amsterdam

† Call to Worship Sarah McCain

Liturgist: *Come, all who are joyful this day!*

People: Your melody will find harmony among us.

Liturgist: *Come, all who grieve this day.*

People: Your broken heart is welcome among us.

Liturgist: *Come, all who are weighed down this day.*

People: You can lay down your burdens among us.

Liturgist: *Come, all who are seeking and doubting this day.*

People: Your questions are safe among us.

Liturgist: *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.*

People: Come, let us worship the God of Love who abides among us!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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,
we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: And also with you.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)..... Don Pierce
**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.**

Lesson from the New Testament: 1 John 5:1-6

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Love Letter, Part 2..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

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

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: If Ye Love Me..... Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.
(John 14:15-18)

† 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!**

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus



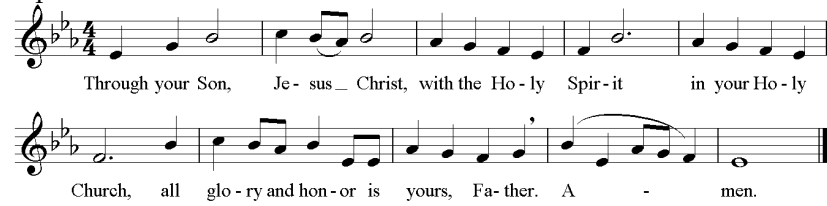
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

Hymn after Communion No. 635: Because Thou Hast SaidPaderborn

Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord. People: Now we give ourselves for others. Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people; People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy. Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts; People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

2021 Graduating Senior Bible Presentation

† Closing Hymn No. 577: God of Grace and God of GloryCwm Rhondda

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Bind Us Together Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love.

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune and Air Jacques Auert, arr. Wolff

The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship. All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Sally Doubleday and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walker Durrett by Jo and Ben Doubleday.

It is an honor to present a Bible to our 2021 High School Graduates from our Church Family during the 8:45 am service. They will also be honored this morning at our Senior Sunday Brunch at 9:45 am in McWhirter Hall. Please be in prayer for each of our graduates!

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The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource by Katherine Hawker on the Liturgy Outside Blog.

Cover Art: "Much Love" by Elizabeth Chapman. Her other works can be found at www.elizabethchapmanartwork.com.

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

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

Today's Music: Harry E. Fosdick was a well-known and controversial preacher in the early twentieth century. After Fosdick left his position at one church, John D. Rockefeller asked him to become pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church in New York City, but Fosdick thought the church was too wealthy and agreed only on condition that a new church would be built in a less fashionable place. The site selected for Riverside Church was on the banks of the Hudson, not far from Harlem. Fosdick wrote "God of Grace and God of Glory" at his summer home in Maine in 1930 for the opening service of Riverside Church that fall. It was sung as the processional hymn for that service on October 5 and again at the dedication service on February 8, 1931. The first publication was in Praise and Service by H. Augustine Smith in 1932.



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 everyone: every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status, ethnicity, and mental and physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

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