

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 May 9, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Confirmation Sunday

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GATHERING

Voluntary: VoluntaryCharles Zeuner

WelcomeCarol 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.

Introit: Day by Day.....Harold Friedell
 Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

† Opening Hymn No. 92: For the Beauty of the EarthDix

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter
 Liturgist: *Beloved, let us love another,*
 People: **for God is love.**
 Liturgist: *Beloved, let us share the love of Christ with the world,*
 People: **for we have seen Christ and experienced his grace.**
 Liturgist: *Beloved, let us abide in the Spirit,*
 People: **for we know God is with us always.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Loving God,
you have called us your beloved.
We belong to you.
And yet, we turn away from the call to love one another.
We act in ways that are selfish and unloving.
We act out of fear rather than boldness.
We speak words of hate rather than love.
We hold onto comfort rather than seek transformation.
We fail to love our neighbors as you have loved us.
We ask your forgiveness for our sins individually and collectively.
Have mercy on us, God.
Help us to repent, to turn back to you.
May people know your love for the world through 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Davis Turner
**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 New Testament: 1 John 4:7-21

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Love Letter, Part 3 Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....2021 Confirmation Class Creed
We believe that God is the Creator and loves us unconditionally.
We believe in Jesus, the son of God, who walked through Judah teaching his disciples, and then was killed and resurrected on the third day.
We believe in Jesus and in teaching others about Jesus so that we can all follow him.
We believe in the Holy Spirit as an equal in life and death who is always with us.
We believe that the Bible is one big book of lessons from the times of Jesus; some of the Bible was written by Jesus' close friends as the beginning of Christianity.
We believe that church is more than the building; church is the people who come together to worship God.
We believe that prayer is a way to communicate with and honor God anywhere, anytime.
We believe worship is learning about God, praising God, contributing offerings, and praying.
We believe grace is a gift we receive from God that is not earned but is needed.
We believe we can participate in the church together through the sacraments of Baptism and Communion, which honor Jesus.
We believe we should share our spiritual gifts to the Lord.
We believe that our neighbors, no matter where they are, are our community, and we should love and help them.

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Maggie Jarrell

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: What Gift Can We BringJane Marshall

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise.

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for mission that bids us
turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the word is our promise, now and forever we rest,
in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
words convey it, the joy of this day!
We grateful come, remembering, rejoicing,
we now offer in honor and praise!

† 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. 384: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling..... Beecher

† 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: Prelude in C Major, BWV 547J.S. Bach

† *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 by the family of Sallie and Bill Norton in memory of their parents, Sarah McKelley King and Walter Hughey King, Adelaide Gregory Norton and William LaFayette Norton, Jr., and their nephew Walter Hughey King III.

The flowers in the narthex are given in memory of Michael Reed by his family.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Emma James Wolfe to Liz and Dale Wolfe on April 30. She is welcomed also by her grandparents Ellen and Scott Wolfe.

The following will be presented for Confirmation in the second service today: Elijah William Bakker, Harper Corley Barnes, Emerson Marie Baxter, Anne Keaton Boosalis, Tucker Dukes, Margaret Ann Harrell, Clayton Aaron Jenkins, Robert Hollis Moss, Robert Wolcott Nelson, Ella Grace Peacock, Henry Stephen Sheaffer, Lillian Rose Smith, and Alexander Clayton Stirling.



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!

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Liturgy written by Maggie Jarrell.

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

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle.

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

Today's Music: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," is considered by many to be one of Charles Wesley's finest texts and is one of his most popular hymns. It is believed that his first line was inspired by a line from a John Dryden poem used in Henry Purcell's opera, *King Arthur*, which begins, "Fairest Isle, all Isles excelling, Seat of Pleasures and of Loves."

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