

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 July 18, 2021 at Eleven o'clock
 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Voluntary: The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....Dan Forrest

WelcomeErin Racine

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: O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord.....Hal Hopson
 O come let us sing to the Lord,
 let us make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.
 Sing to the Lord! Rejoice!

† Opening Hymn No. 730: O Day of God, Draw Nigh.....St. Michael

† Call to Worship Christopher Harris

Liturgist: *Lift your voices in praise and worship for our Radiant God.*

People: **God's love shines brighter than the rarest jewels.**

Liturgist: *Open your hearts to the unconditional love offered to each of us.*

People: **God's love is purer than the purest gold.**

Liturgist: *Show up today, as you are, with all of who you are!*

People: **God's love for us is clearer than the clearest crystal.**

All: **We embrace the beauty of God's love for us today!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of Loving Light,
 we confess that we try to build walls,
 separating ourselves into categories.**

**It feels so much easier to make assumptions about others
 than to take the time to know them.**

**Forgive us for the walls we build that strive to keep others
 out of your holy presence.**

Remind us today that you are greater than walls and buildings.

**Help us work alongside you to heal the hurting within us
 and around us.**

**May we be open to feeling your presence,
 trusting that you are with 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 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 Madeline Eliza
 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,
 Madeline Eliza, 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 Theresa Santillan

**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: Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Living the Loving Light of Christ.....Erin Racine

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Parker

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: The Lord is My Shepherd Thomas Matthews
The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth
my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou
preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever. (Psalm 23)

† 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. 733: Marching to Zion..... Marching to Zion

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord and Guide Our Way...Tallis Canon
**Go with us Lord and guide our way through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Festive Trumpet Tune.....David German

† *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 to the glory of God from the wedding of Park and
Andrea Roach.

Madeline Eliza Bach, daughter of Kevin and Jenny Bach, 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 identity,
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 Katie Minnis.

Cover Art: Today’s bulletin cover for the sermon series theme is by Skye
Adamson, a young artist living in Lacey, WA. Skye, the oldest granddaughter
of West End members Julie and Heath Jones, grew up attending West End until
her family moved to Seattle when she was 17. More of her art can be found on
Instagram at @cosmic_donuts_art_ and Etsy at Honeyglazeddonuts .

Music Participants: Members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs. Matthew
Phelps is organist-director. Margy Bredemann, solo.

Today’s Music: “Come, We That Love the Lord” was a favorite hymn of singing
schools throughout early American hymnody and was matched with multiple
different tunes as late as 1857. In the twentieth century, as gospel hymns
became more accepted, Watts’ text was able to be matched with “Marching to
Zion,” a favorite of Sunday School, revival, and African American worship
experiences.



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