

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 August 15, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Lied Louis Vierne

Welcome Carol 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: Come Ye That Love the Lord Alice Parker
 Come Ye that love the Lord and let your love be known;
 join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

† Opening Hymn No. 152: I Sing the Almighty Power of God Forest Green

† Call to Worship Brandon Baxter
 Liturgist: *We continue our trek to the promised land.*
 People: **We strive to follow you, O Lord.**
 Liturgist: *We take steps of faith, trusting the waters will not overcome us.*
 People: **We strive to follow you, O Lord.**
 Liturgist: *We trust in your covenant: you are with us!*
 People: **We will worship and follow you!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Covenant,
we feel as if we have been wandering in the wilderness.
We are tired and weary,
waiting for change that seems to be too long delayed.
Despite our fatigue, we come to worship today.
You invite us to dip our feet into the waters of new life.
Lead us beyond our anxiety, anger, and fear.
Help us to trust in your covenant with us.
As we continue our journey into the promised land,
remind us to reach for your hand,
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 Ava Louise 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, Ava Louise, 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 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 Old Testament: Joshua 3:1-6, 14-17

Response to the Lesson

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: No Small Feat Carol Cavin-Dillon

† 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: If You but Trust in God to Guide YouDavid Cherwien
If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways, you will find strength with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days, for those who trust God’s changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in God’s care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less? For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss.

Be still, be still and wait God’s pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content, trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded love be sent; nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to one who holds us always near.

Sing, pray, and keep God’s way unswerving; offer your service faithfully, and trust God’s word, though undeserving, there find the trust to set you free; God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God’s faithfulness. (George Neumark, translation composite)

† 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. 127: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah..... Cwm Rhondda

† Benediction

† Benediction Response:Ralph Vaughan Williams
God Be With You Till We Meet Again (All Sing)

**God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

Voluntary: Minuet Finale (from Royal Fireworks Suite).....Handel, arr. Biggs

† *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.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Vivian Cash McWhirter, born August 5 to Noel and Russell McWhirter. She is welcomed also by big brother Jack, grandparents Laura & Peter Strianse, and aunt Anabel Strianse.

Ava Louise Hendren, daughter of Anthony and Haley Hendren, 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!

Liturgy written by Katie Minnis.

Cover Art: “The Ark Passes over the Jordan,” painted by James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836-1902).

Music Participants: Members of Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs. Matthew Phelps is organist-director. Andrew Risinger is organist.

Today’s Music: The original text of “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” was written in Welsh by William Williams, a circuit-riding preacher, in 1745, and was given the original title, “A prayer for strength to go through the wilderness of the world.” It has since been translated into seventy-five languages. It was translated into English by Peter Williams (no relation) in 1771. Most modern hymnals now use the first verse of Peter’s translation, and the last two from William’s own translation into English.



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