

# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio in A Minor, BWV 564 .....J.S. Bach

Welcome ..... Sarah McCain  
*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: Where Charity and Love Prevail .....  
 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found,  
 brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

† Opening Hymn No. 92: For the Beauty of the Earth..... Dix

† Call to Worship .....Erin Racine  
 Liturgist: *We are from all walks of life.*  
 People: **God calls each of us.**  
 Liturgist: *We bring our hearts to worship.*  
 People: **God knows our joys and sorrows, our questions and wonders.**  
 Liturgist: *We offer what we have to God.*  
 People: **God receives all of who we are and all we have to offer.**  
 Liturgist: *Let us worship our God, to whom we belong.*  
 People: **Let us worship our God, who calls us beloved!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Gracious God,**  
**we confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken because of our sin of exclusion.**  
**We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.**  
**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**  
**We confess that the circle is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart.**  
**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**  
**We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.**  
**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us, in the name of Christ, whose love unites 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 Emery 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, Emery 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 Response .....No. 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 ..... Frank Clement  
**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: Mark 9:33-50

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



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
 September 26, 2021 at Eleven o'clock  
 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Children's Moment

Sermon: Value and Belonging ..... Sarah McCain

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Brandon Baxter

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: Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart..... Samuel Burke  
Set me as a seal upon your heart, upon your arm, for love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.  
(Song of Solomon 8:6a & 7a)

† 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. 451: Be Thou My Vision.....Slane

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: .....Land of Rest  
Together Met, Together Bound (all sing)  
**Together met, together bound, we go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in D.....David Lasky

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

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

*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  
Marie and Buck Cowan, by their son Tommy Cowan.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Martin Tripp Wiegand III to Jane and  
Martin Wiegand on September 16. He is also welcomed by big sister Francie.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Eleanor Mae Fox to Carla and David  
Fox on September 21.

Emery Louise Noble, daughter of Jack and Sondra Noble, 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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The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource by Beth Merrill Neel on the  
blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good." The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a  
prayer by Miriam Therese Winter in *The United Methodist Book of Worship*.

Cover Art: "Jesus teaches the disciples about humility and fraternal correction,"  
a woodcut by an unknown illustrator of Jerome Nadal's *Evangelicae Historiae  
Imagines*, published in 1593 in Antwerp, Belgium.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is director and  
assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

All members of the Chancel Choir participating in today's service have been  
vaccinated against COVID-19.

Today's Music: While many hymns can be sung to different tunes, the only  
tune that has been used for "Be Thou My Vision" is SLANE – aptly named for  
the location at which St. Patrick is said to have defied the orders of King  
Logaire. This tune comes from an Irish folk song of the same name and was  
combined with the hymn text by Welsh composer David Evans in the 1927  
edition of the *Church Hymnary* of the Church of Scotland.



### VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

It takes multiple individuals to help us provide a warm and inviting  
environment each week at West End UMC, and while in the midst of a  
pandemic, more support is needed. To see weekly and special opportunities to  
volunteer and serve, visit our website at [westendumc.org/volunteer](http://westendumc.org/volunteer). We've also  
highlighted a few needs below:

- **Habitat Volunteers** - The 2021 Habitat Build is happening this Fall. To find out more and see dates available to volunteer, visit [westendumc.org/habitat](http://westendumc.org/habitat).
- **Children's Sunday School Teachers** - Do you have a heart for children and want to help kids explore their faith in God? We would love to have you join the Children's Sunday School Team! Contact Maggie Jarrell at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org) to find out more.
- **Livestream and Facebook Worship Hosts** - Help create a warm and welcoming community in the chat and comments sections on either Livestream or Facebook during worship each week. Training is provided. Contact Julie Catterton at [jcatterton@westendumc.org](mailto:jcatterton@westendumc.org) to find out more.

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