

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio in A Minor, BWV 564J.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: Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join.....Orlando Gibbons

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

† Call to WorshipErin 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.**



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 September 26, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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† 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.....James Sewell

**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.**

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 ChurchBrandon 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: Create In Me A Clean Heart.....Ronald A. Nelson

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

† 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, will be presented for baptism later 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 Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is organist.

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. 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.
- **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 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 to find out more.

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