

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 October 31, 2021 at Eleven o'clock
 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

2200 West End Avenue
 Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Moderato (from Sonata no. 31)L.V. Beethoven

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.

Ministry Moment Hannah Marr

Introit: Where Charity and Love Prevail Dundee
 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. 715: Rejoice, the Lord is King Darwall's 148th

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins
 Liturgist: *Today, let us place Christ before us, behind us, and among us.*
 People: **Let us respond to Christ's invitation to love.**
 Liturgist: *God welcomes all as a friend, comforter, and beloved.*
 People: **May we find deep, abiding, infinite love in God.**
 Liturgist: *Let us respond to God's love by loving ourselves and others.*
 People: **May we learn what it means to love everyone unconditionally.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God, you welcome us with hospitality and love,
 but we have not embraced you with our whole hearts.
 We allow ourselves to be driven by fear, desire, and bitterness
 instead of loving-kindness, generosity, and peace.
 Teach us what it means to love without restraint:
 to give ourselves compassion,
 to give others grace,
 to give you everything.
 May our surrender to your love bring goodness to the world.
 May our love be courageous, radical, and transformative.**

† 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.**

Anthem: Venid Cantemos.....Raquel Martinez
*Refrain: Venid cantemos al Señor, venid cantemos al Señor,
 venid cantemos al Señor con alegría.*

Our Lord is a great God. Look there in God's hand: earth's valleys and mountains, sea, and the dry land. (*Refrain*) Come, worship and bow down. Come humbly and kneel. The Lord is our maker; God's mercy is real. (*Refrain*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Sallie Norton
**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 12:28-34

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Love Connection.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883
 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchErin Racine

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: With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw
 With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard. Alleluia!
 Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people.
 Alleluia! O be joyful in God all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his
 name. Make his praise be glorious.

† 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!**

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: *Family of God, these persons are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you 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.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 384: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Beecher

† Benediction

† Benediction Response No. 898: Amen..... Danish



MUSIC: Danish

Voluntary: Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578 J. S. Bach

† *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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Hardeman Fort, Combs Lawson Fort, and Combs Lawson Fort, Jr. by Linda and Hal Moses.

Charles Harwell Hollingsworth, son of Eric and Anna K. Hollingsworth, was presented for baptism earlier 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 Jayme Yeo.

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

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is director and organist/pianist. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Chapel Choir (1st-6th graders), Sarah Sharp, director.

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

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."



FIFTH ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Join us for this year's annual Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 31 at 9:45 a.m. in the 4th Story Theater or online. Presenters from various ministry teams will share updates, and we'll celebrate the many ways God has been at work in and through West End in 2021. We'll share financial updates and budget plans for 2022; reports from worship, Sunday School, small groups, and ministry teams; and more news about our involvement with Project Thrive in the greater Nashville area. Time to celebrate 2021 and look ahead to 2022!

GET THE LATEST NEWS

Find the latest news and events on our website at westendumc.org/thelatest.

ROOM IN THE INN/QUIET SPACE COLLECTION

We are collecting supplies for our Lower Level clothing closet. Bring donations in during the day and drop them off in the blue bin (the one labeled Room in the Inn Donations) located on the first floor. Here's a list of what we are looking for:

Men's clothing only!

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| Jackets and other cold winter gear | Reading glasses |
| Belts | Work boots, tennis shoes |
| Long sleeve shirts | Sweatshirts and sweaters |
| Tshirts | Jeans |
| backpacks, duffle bags | Clean (new in package) underwear |
| Socks | Toiletries |

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FRIDAY EMAIL?

One of the ways to find out what's going on in our church is to sign up for our Friday eNews at westendumc.org/enews.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at westendumc.org/give. Here you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift.
- Text To Give. Text "Give" to 615-697-4010, and the prompts will help you set up from there. Once registered, you can use this option easily going forward.

WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

Use this QR code and your phone's camera to access today's worship information online.

