

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE

is patient; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
is kind;
is not envious or boastful
or arrogant or rude;
does not insist on its own way;
is not irritable or resentful;
does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
rejoices in the truth.
bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never ends.

LOVE 
ALWAYS

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 16, 2022 at Eleven o'clock
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING

Voluntary: Solemn MelodyH. Walford Davies, arr. West

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: Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise Rene Clausen

† Opening Hymn No. 66: Lauda Anima
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† Call to Worship Nancy Parker
Liturgist: *Today, the Word of God comes to us in love,*
People: **inviting us not to be afraid, but to place our faith in God.**
Liturgist: *Today, the Word of God comes to us in faith,*
People: **inviting us to trust in the One who knows us,**
to place our hope in the One who saves us.
Liturgist: *Today, the Word of God comes to us in hope,*
People: **inviting us to be gracious in our love**
and in our service to others.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Incredible Patience,
we confess we fall short of extending to others
the same perfect love you first freely gave to us.
We know that love is patient, but impatience rules our hand.
We know that love is kind, but we callously lash out,
even with those we hold most dear.
We know that love is not jealous or resentful or self-centered,
but we struggle to see beyond ourselves,
while the needs of others pale in significance.
Forgive us, Loving God. Heal us from our transgressions.
In all of our failings, O God, you have continued to love us fully.
For us, who are your children, your patient compassion has no end.
May we be transformed by the power of your steadfast love,
that we may become who you have called us to be,
shining the loving light of Christ everywhere we go.

† 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Patrick Dunnevant
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: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Is Love Always Patient? Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church Katie Minnis

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 Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you
for ever, even the Spirit of truth.

† 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. 140: Great Is Thy FaithfulnessFaithfulness

† 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'll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 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.*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Thomas A. Turner, Jr., Frances Jackson Turner, Thomas A. Turner, III and Andrew S. Turner by their family.

The flowers in Reed Hall are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Sonja Maria Wilson and Austin Neil Pickett in memory of the late Paul Pickett.

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 written by Thom M. Shuman.

Cover Art by Shelley Kuhlmeier.

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

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

Today's Music: Thomas Chisholm, the author of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and 1200 other poems, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866, and he lived a pretty unremarkable life: he worked as a schoolteacher, a newspaper editor, and insurance agent, then he retired and spent his remaining days at the Methodist Home for the Aged in New Jersey. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is inspired by the simple realization that God is at work in our lives on a daily basis.



Greeters and Ushers Needed

The Hospitality Committee is looking for greeters and ushers for each service. There are no special skills or knowledge needed to help with greeting - just a friendly face! You can sign up at westendumc.org/greetersandushers. We are so grateful for your willingness to help showcase the warmth and light of the West End UMC community.

RITI SPRING NEEDS

There are several meals and dates left for our Spring Room in the Inn. We have secured an overnight host (thanks to an amazing rotation of four volunteers) but we need breakfast, lunch, and dinners for 14 guests. Breakfast and lunches are simply to-go bags. Dinners can be easily catered with our friends at Barley to Rise. Take a look at our remaining meal needs and sign up at westendumc.org/springriti. Questions? Email Stacey at: sharwelldye@westendumc.org

Interested in joining West End?

We will offer two parallel tracks of our 4-session Membership Class beginning Sunday, January 16. An in-person session will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in McWhirter Hall, and an online session will be held on Sunday evenings at 5 PM. We will take off the week of January 23, so both classes will meet January 16, 30, and February 6,13. Contact Rev. Erin Racine with questions: eracine@westendumc.org. To register, visit westendumc.org/membership.

Slate Floor Replacement

The slate floor replacement project will begin Monday, January 17. The slate floor is being removed and replaced because of safety concerns and chipping. Demolition and removal of the slate floor will occur from the 17th-24th. Replacement will begin in phases with phase one beginning January 24-28.

Get Your Love Always Tumbler

Be sure to stop by Reed Hall or the Narthex today and grab your Love Always tumbler on your way out today.

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.

