

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.



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
January 23, 2022 at Eleven o'clock
Third Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

Voluntary: "Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now!" BWV 709J.S. Bach

WelcomeNancy Parker
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 for HospitalityApril Skinner

Introit: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now 17th Century German
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, our hearts in true devotion bow.
Thy Spirit send with grace divine and let thy truth within us shine.

† Opening Hymn No. 88: Maker, in Whom We Live.....Diademata

† Call to WorshipStacey Harwell-Dye
Liturgist: *We are members of the body of Christ.*
People: **We are one in the Spirit!**
Liturgist: *Let us honor and care for each other.*
People: **We belong to one another!**
Liturgist: *Though we are many, we worship as one!*
People: **Let us worship our God, who draws us together in love!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Love, hear our prayer:
for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls,
wasting away from despair all around us;
for the forgiveness we seek for the sin
we have allowed to persist;
for reconciliation of the world, whose division convicts us.
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray.

† 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: Cantate DominoHans Leo Hassler
Sing to the Lord a new song, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, and bless his name: proclaim his salvation from day to day. (*Psalms 95*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Beth Howard
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 12:12-26

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

Hymn No. 549: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....St. Peter

Children's Moment

Sermon: KINDnessNancy Parker

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 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: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Eric Nelson
What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

† 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.**

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: Bind Us Together (all sing)

**Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love.**

Voluntary: Fugue “alla Handel,” in F.....Alexandre Guilmant

† *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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Today on her second birthday, the flowers are given in celebration and remembrance of Francie Wiegand by her parents, Jane and Martin, and little brother Tripp.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Amelia Jane Wren "Millie" on January 14th to Mollie and Joel Wren. She is welcomed also by big brother Carlisle.

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 Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What is Good.”

Cover Art by Shelley Kuhlmeier.

Music Participants: Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist-director. Andie Smith, cello

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 with, “Fairest Isle, all Isles excelling, Seat of Pleasures and of Loves.”



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.

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 began on 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.

