

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
February 6, 2022 at Eight Forty-five
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Fantasy in E Major.....Harold Darke

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Come, Ye That Love the Lord..... arr. Alice Parker

† Hymn No. 62:..... Lasst Uns Erfreuen
All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1-3 and 7)

† Call to Worship.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Friends, let us love one another!*
People: **Let us love with words and actions.**
Liturgist: *Let us welcome others to the Table.*
People: **Let us build each other up.**
Liturgist: *Let us feast on the goodness of God!*
People: **Let us worship the Bread of Life!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)..... Robb Bigelow
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.

Lesson from the New Testament: 1 Corinthians 8:1-3, 7-13

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

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Carol Cavin-Dillon
Love is Greater Than Knowledge

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

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

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God..... T. Tertius Noble
Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (*Ephesians 4:30-32*)

† 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.

† Thanksgiving
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

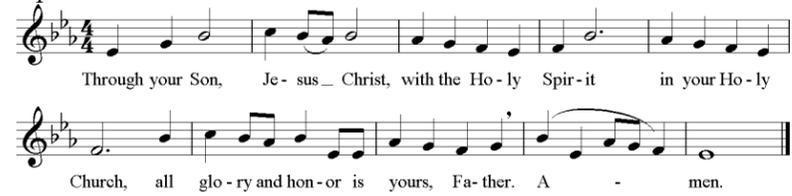
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 381 and 620.

Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord. People: Now we give ourselves for others. Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people; People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy. Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts; People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 451: Be Thou My Vision Slane

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Postlude in G.....Gustav Merkel

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

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

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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!

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God from the West End United Methodist Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund. To donate, make checks payable to West End United Methodist Church, in the memo line write Flower Fund.

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Music Participants: Sanctuary Choir. Kyle Collier, tenor. Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.

Today's Music: According to mythology, when St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland in the 5th century, King Logaire of Tara decreed that no one was allowed to light any fires until a pagan festival was begun by the lighting of a fire on Slane Hill. In a move of defiance against this pagan ritual, St. Patrick did light a fire, and, rather than execute him, the king was so impressed by his devotion that he let Patrick continue his missionary work. Three centuries later, a monk named Dallan Forgaill wrote the Irish poem, "Rop tú mo Baile" ("Be Thou my Vision), to remember and honor the faith of St. Patrick. Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated the poem into English, and in 1912, Eleanor Hull versified the text into what is now a well-loved hymn.

AS YOU JOIN US IN COMMUNION

This Sunday, we are pleased to offer the option to receive communion at the altar rail. If you choose to be served at the rail, you will receive the elements by hand from volunteer servers. As you are directed, please make your way to the communion rail by way of the center aisle. Kneel, remove one side of your mask, and open your hands. You will be given a small piece of bread and then a small cup of juice. After you have received, place your empty cup on the communion rail and secure your mask. You may stay kneeling for prayer as long as you wish, and then return to your seat by way of the outside aisle.

If you are not comfortable receiving communion elements at the rail or simply prefer to receive in your seat, pastors will bring elements to you. Those served in their seats will receive prepackaged communion wafers and cups. As you see the pastors pass by, simply raise your hand or catch their eye so they know you need to be served. After you have received, you may discard your cups in the small plastic bins at the end of each pew. ALL of our elements, both served at the rail and served in the pews, are gluten free.

WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

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



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.

"Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubled Times" by Bishop Michael Curry with Sarah Grace

A Book Chat for All Adults

Wednesdays, February 9-March 9, 6:15-7:15 PM, Room 310

Join Pastor Brandon and a small group of friends as we read and discuss Bishop Curry's latest book on the powerful nature of God's love. Part memoir and part pastoral reflection, the book has received much acclaim. Bishop Curry is the presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church. A prominent and beloved figure in Christianity for many years, Curry's public profile has been heightened in recent years following his memorable role presiding over the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Participants are encouraged to purchase their own book from their preferred bookseller. To register for this chat, visit westendumc.org/loveistheway.

"Social Justice Parenting" by Traci Baxley

A Book Chat for Parents and Those Who Care for Young Persons

Mondays, February 7-March 7, 7:00 PM, Online Via Zoom

Join Pastor Maggie and Emily Robbins for a new Parent Book Discussion: "Social Justice Parenting: How to Raise Compassionate, Anti-Racist, Justice-Minded Kids in an Unjust World." by Dr. Traci Baxley. Dr. Baxley guides readers to take inventory of their actions and beliefs, develop self-awareness and accountability and become role models. Go ahead and order the book here: socialjusticeparenting.com. To register for this chat, visit westendumc.org/socialjusticeparenting.

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