

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
February 27, 2022 at Eleven o'clock
Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on Deo Gracias..... Benjamin Culli

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: Ascribe to the LordSally Ahner
Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord for his glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

† Opening Hymn No. 157: Jesus Shall ReignDuke Street

† Call to WorshipNancy Parker
Liturgist: *Beloved of God, let love renew your soul.*
People: **We awake to a divine love that heals, refreshes, and makes us whole.**
Liturgist: *Beloved of God, embrace love that is timeless and eternal.*
People: **The love God has for us is deeper than oceans, older than memory, larger than sky. Love never ends.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
You, loving God, have welcomed us into your family.
By the gift of your only child
you claim us all as your children,
giving us the inheritance of Christ:
peace, compassion, joy, and life.
Forgive us for disregarding what you have offered to us.
Your grace pardons us, yet we pursue fleeting pleasures.
You give gentleness and love,
yet we choose bitterness and self-centeredness.
Thank you for your love that fills the divide
between our poverty and your generosity.
Your love bears all, believes all, hopes all, and endures all.
Your love never ends.

† 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: Make Love Your Aim in All You Do.....Joshua Stillman
Make love your aim in all you do. Make love your aim for God loves you. Make love your aim in work and play. Make love your aim, begin today.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?*

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend James Bryant to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, James Bryant, 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.**

† Musical Response ..No. 611, st. 1
Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign:
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination J.L. Nave
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: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Response to the Lesson

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

Hymn No. 480: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go St. Margaret

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Love Never Fails Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Brandon 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: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Richard Shephard

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

† 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. 428: For the Healing of the Nations.....Cwm Rhondda

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord and Guide Our Way.... Tallis Canon
**Go with us Lord and guide our way, through this and every coming day.
That in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Fugue 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 and in memory of Joseph Jordan
Cherry by Vonde, Jordan and Jimmy Caden.

James Bryant Roberts, son of Josh and Mary Katherine Roberts, is presented for
baptism today.

Benjamin Brooks DeVault, son of Ben and Mary Scott DeVault, 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.

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Music Participants: Chancel Choir. Bethany DeSantis is conductor this morning.
Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the
organ. Asbury Choir. Bethany Wilson and Matthew Phelps, directors.

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



Shrove Tuesday Jazz Mass

Tuesday, March 1 // 6:30 p.m. // Sanctuary

Enjoy a unique worship opportunity complete with beads, masks, and other Mardi Gras trimmings. Make plans to attend a Mardi Gras style Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday, March 1 in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. This festive celebration of Holy Communion is framed in a jazz setting, with a jazz band, a Mardi Gras style processional, hymns, soloists from the recording industry and vocal interpretations of the traditional text. Join us in this final celebration for Christians before the Lenten season begins the next day.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 2 // 12 and 6 p.m. // Sanctuary

The Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday only has meaning within the context of the services that take place on the following day, Ash Wednesday. The contrast between the celebration and excess of Tuesday gives way to the solemnity and restraint of Ash Wednesday. It is in the radically different character of the two days that we discover the meaning of each. If you attend the Jazz Mass, seriously consider attending one of the Ash Wednesday services as well. If you are a regular attender at an Ash Wednesday service, seriously consider participating in the Jazz Mass in preparation to experience the importance of the imposition of ashes that follows the next day. Ash Wednesday services will be on February 26 at 12 and 6 p.m.

Lenten Noon Concert Series Kicks Off This Week with the Elliston Trio

Our Lenten Concert Series kicks off this season with the Elliston Trio performing Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A Minor, Op. 50. Erin Hall and Keith Nicholas, both members of the Nashville Symphony, have been playing with our own Matt Phelps as the Elliston Trio since 2016, and we are thrilled to welcome them back for this year's in-person Lenten concerts. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon, and admission to all concerts is free. Following the concert, lunch is available in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 p.m. for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts or call our receptionist at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

Earth Month Art Show

West End UMC's Creation Care committee is hosting an Earth Day (Month) Art show in April of 2022 in the 4th Story Theater lobby at West End United Methodist Church. We would love to have your art! The theme of the art show is "And God Saw that It was Good: Protecting God's Good Creation". We encourage all forms of 2D and 3D art including painting, drawing, and photography as well as fabric, stitchery. In addition to the in-person gallery show, we will have a virtual show of these pieces plus others available on our website, which opens us up to the possibility of having original movies and other digital only media for the virtual show. To submit your piece for consideration, visit westendumc.org/artshow.