

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 27, 2022 at Eight Forty-five
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: Thank the Lord..... Rene Clausen

† 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.**

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 Benjamin Brooks 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, Benjamin Brooks, 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 ResponseNo. 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 Julia Johnson

**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.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Love Never Fails.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† 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: A Prayer for PeaceMichael John Trotta
O Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred,
let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt
true faith in you. Where there's despair, let me sow hope. Where there is
darkness, only light. Where there is sadness, ever joy. O Master, grant that
I may never seek so much to be consoled, as to console; to be understood,
as to understand; to be loved, as to love with all my soul. It is in giving that
we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
Anonymous French, 1912 (attr. St. Francis of Assisi)

† 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 WayTallis 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.

Benjamin Brooks DeVault, son of Ben and Mary Scott DeVault, is presented for
baptism today.

James Bryant Roberts, son of Josh and Mary Katherine Roberts, will be
presented for baptism later 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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Music Participants: Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director.
Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.



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.