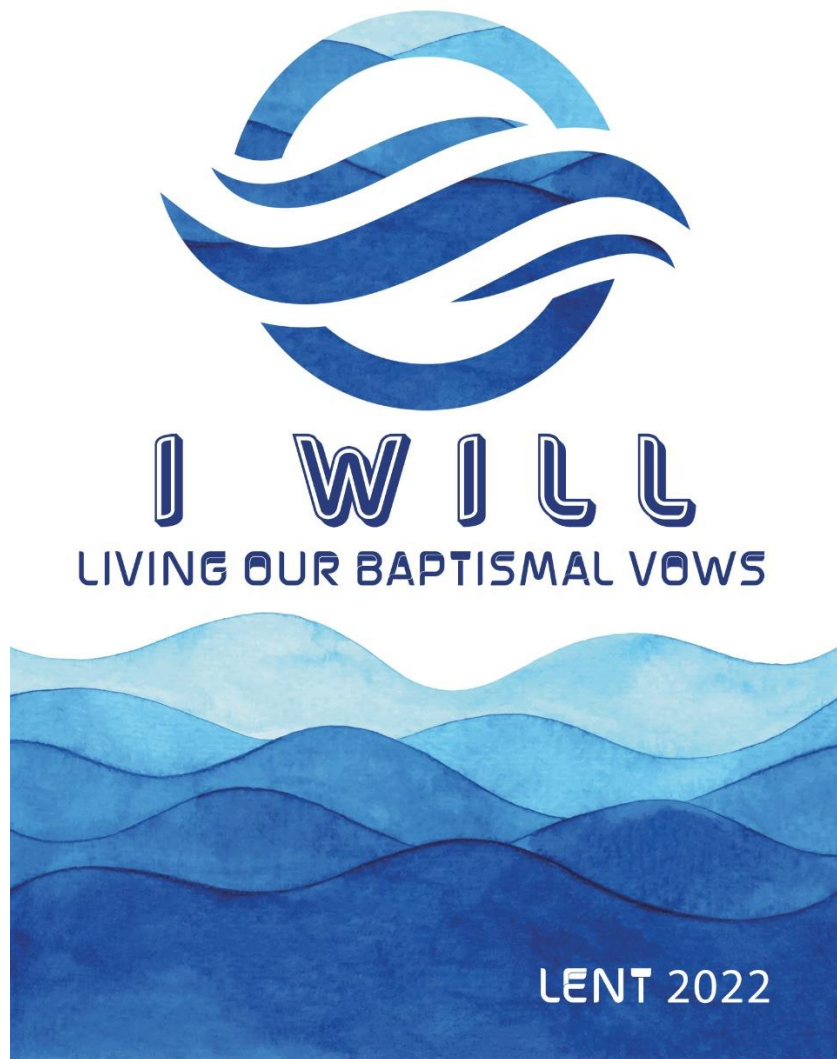


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 March 6, 2022 at Eleven o'clock
 First Sunday in Lent

2200 West End Avenue
 Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Largo Vivaldi, arr. Johnson
 God's Time is Always Best Bach, arr. Behnke

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: My God Thy Table Now is Spread E. Miller
 My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow;
 be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.

† Hymn No. 57: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon
 (vs. 1-5, and 7)

† Call to Worship Erin Racine
 Liturgist: *Sometimes we're led to uncomfortable places.*
 People: **Let us be led by the Spirit!**
 Liturgist: *Sometimes we face uncomfortable choices.*
 People: **Let us be led by the Spirit!**
 Liturgist: *Let us serve God, who is always faithful.*
 People: **Let us worship the Lord our God!**

† 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.

Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Anita Schmid
God, through Christ you give us the water of life: Make us thirsty for your word that we may give witness to your great love, poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lesson from the Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Renounce, Reject, Repent Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Bread of Heaven..... Ian Brentnall
 Bread of heaven on Thee we feed, for thy flesh is meat indeed:
 ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread;
 fay by day with strength supplied through the life of Him who died,
 vine of heaven, thy blood supplies the best cup of sacrifice,
 Lord Thy wounds our healing give; to thy Cross we look and live:
 Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in Thee. Amen.
 (Josiah Conder)

† 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:

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a-gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it in your Ho-ly
 Church, all glo-ry and hon-or is yours, Fa-ther. A-men.

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: 528 and 629.

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. 561: Jesus, United by Thy Grace.....St. Agnes

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: (All Sing) Tallis Canon
**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn and walk the inwards way.
 Where meeting Christ our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.**

Voluntary: Praeludium in A minor..... Heinrich Scheidemann

*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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The altar flowers today are given by Ellen and Buddy Koonce in memory of Buddy's father, Gene Crawford Koonce, Sr., who passed away on January 25, 2022.

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 inspired by a resource by Thom Shuman on the *Lectionary Liturgies* blog. The Prayer for Illumination is written by Blair Meeks in her book, *Season of Ash and Fire*.

Cover Art by Shelley Kuhlmeier.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers. Matthew Phelps, director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist and accompanist.

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

Today's Music: Originally consisting of eighteen stanzas, most hymnals have modified "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" to include stanzas 7-12 (the first six stanzas are primarily autobiographical of Wesley's conversion experience), and end with the original stanza 1, the doxology stanza. The title of the song was acquired by Wesley from his friend Peter Böhler, a Moravian, who said, "If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all" (*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*).



A LENTEN BOOK STUDY: DID GOD KILL JESUS? Monday evenings March 21–April 11 from 7 - 8 p.m. via Zoom AND Wednesday evenings March 23-April 13 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Room 310. Join Pastor Brandon as we explore the meaning behind Jesus' crucifixion and the many ways that Christians have tried to make sense of this tragic part of the gospel story. Using Tony Jones' *Did God Kill Jesus?* we will learn about different views of God's saving work on the cross, also known as atonement. Class participants are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book from their preferred bookseller. Register online at westendumc.org/didgodkilljesus

SECOND LENTEN NOON CONCERT FEATURES DR. SHANA MASHEGO

Our second Lenten Concert will feature Dr. Shana Mashego this Thursday at noon. Dr. Mashego will sing a program featuring spirituals. 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 - SUBMIT YOUR WORK NOW

West End UMC's Creation Care committee is hosting an Earth Day (Month) Art show in April of 2022 in the 4th Story Theater, and 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 and 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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2022 - 2023 academic year. Visit westendumc.org/scholarships to find out more.

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WAYS TO GIVE

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WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

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