

## GATHERING

Voluntary: .....Gerald Near  
Prelude on a Lenten Chant (“The Fast as Taught By Holy Lore”)

Welcome .....Carol Cavin-Dillon  
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Introit: Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days..... Richard Redhead  
Lord who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

† Opening Hymn No. 545: The Church’s One Foundation .....Aurelia

† Call to Worship .....Brandon Baxter  
Liturgist: *Lord, you have called us by name and prayed for us.*  
People: **May we remember that we belong to you.**  
Liturgist: *Lord, your prayer is that we would be one.*  
People: **May our welcome be as wide as your love.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Holy God, Three in One,**  
**you call us your very own.**  
**You pray that we would all be one.**  
**And yet, we put up walls that separate us from each other**  
**and from you.**  
**We divide ourselves by class, by race, by politics,**  
**by ability, by gender identity.**  
**We exclude people because they look, act, or think**  
**differently than we do.**  
**And when we do not love our neighbors,**  
**we are not loving you, who created us all.**  
**This is not your will for us.**  
**Forgive us, God, for causing harm to our neighbors and ourselves.**  
**Help us to turn toward each other.**  
**May we build bridges instead of walls so that we can come together.**  
**May we draw the circle wide**  
**so that all can experience your amazing love.**

† 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: When Jesus Wept..... William Billings  
When Jesus wept the falling tear in mercy flows beyond all bounds.  
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the world around.

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 these people 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 these people with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in service with others. We will pray for them to be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Matthew, Sara and Jacquelyn Perry 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.**

† 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.....Brandon Rich  
**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.**

A lesson from the Gospel: John 17:1-9, 20-23

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

Hymn: No. 566: Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love.....Evan

Children’s Moment

Sermon: The Union of the Church.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith .....No. 881  
**The Apostles’ Creed**

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

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: Behold the Lamb of God (from Messiah) .....G. F. Handel  
Behold the Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world.  
(John 1:29)

† 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.**

## SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 547: O Church of God, United..... Ellacombe

† Benediction

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

Voluntary: Voluntary:.....Maurice Duruflé  
Fugue on the Carillon Theme from the Cathedral of Soisson

† *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 her parents, Travis and Elsie Dubree, by Marilyn Dubree.

Jacquelyn Perry Cope, daughter of Matthew Gentry Cope and Sara Muren Cope, is presented for baptism today and Matthew, her father, is also being baptized.

Peter Wright Stevens, son of Mark and Abby Stevens, was presented for baptism at the early service 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 Maggie Jarrell.

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Music Participants: Chancel Choir and Youth Vocal Ensemble. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

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

Today's Music: In the mid-nineteenth century, Bishop John William Colenso of Natal raised a ruckus in the Catholic Church when he challenged the historicity and authority of many of the Old Testament books. Bishop Gray of Capetown wrote a stirring response of defense, which, in 1866, inspired Samuel Stone, to write "The Church's One Foundation," basing his text on Article 9 of the Apostle's Creed: "The Holy Catholic (Universal) Church; the Communion of Saints; He is the Head of this Body." Now an affirmation of Christ as the foundation of our faith, we sing this hymn with those who have gone before us and with Christians around the world, declaring that beyond any theological differences, cultural divides, and variances in practice, we are all part of the same body, the body of Christ.



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