

## GATHERING

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

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: Make Me a Clean Heart.....George Thalben-Ball

† 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.**

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 Peter Wright  
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,  
Peter Wright, 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 .....Brant Phillips  
**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.**

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: O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit.....Thomas Tallis  
O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts  
and lighten our understanding that we may  
dwell in the fear of thy name all the days of our  
life that we may know thee, the only true God  
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

† 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

Welcoming of New Members  
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.**

† 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: .....Maurice Duruflé  
Fugue on the Carillon Theme from the Cathedral of Soissons

† 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.*

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory  
of her parents, Travis and Elsie Dubree, by Marilyn Dubree.

Peter Wright Stevens, son of Mark and Abby Stevens, is presented for baptism.

Jacquelyn Perry Cope, daughter of Matthew Gentry Cope and Sara Muren  
Cope, will be presented for baptism at the late service today, and Matthew, her  
father, is also being baptized.

*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: Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music Andrew  
Risinger is organist-director. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is assisting at  
the organ.

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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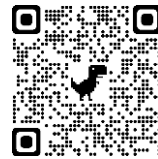
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going forward.

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