

GATHERING

Voluntary: Tuscan AdagioFranklin Ashdown
Come Christians Join to Sing.....Susan Berry

Welcome Emily Robbins
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: What Wondrous Love is ThisJanet Van Valey

† Opening Hymn No. 451: Be Thou My Vision..... Slane

† Call to WorshipMary Peacock
Leader: *The Peace of Christ is here among us.*
People: Let us rejoice!
Leader: *As God sent Jesus in peace, so God sends us.*
People: Let us live in and share this peace.
Leader: *Trust the Holy Spirit and be courageous.*
People: We fall into the arms of the Holy Spirit.
Leader: *Go into the world as a living example.*
People: Let us live and work in and with this awesome God of peace!

† Call to Confession..... Connor Harris

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Justice,
God of Compassion,
God of Sacred and Scandalous ways,
we have so much still to learn.
By your grace, we have come to know love more deeply than before –
its mess, its complexity, its stubborn and tender truths transform us more each day.
We bow humbly before your Spirit, which permeates this place,
asking for the mercy and grace that comes only from you.
We have at times ignored the cries of the needy:
we have not always loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have tried to silence you instead of listening to and heeding your call on our life.
Give us eyes to see your vision for the world,
ears to hear your people’s cries,
and hands to nurture and comfort them.
In Christ we become like you.
In Christ we become a beacon of light to the world. 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, 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: The Lord is Light and My SalvationMatthew Phelps
(Text adapted from Psalm 27)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationSam Wilson
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 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Morning Has Broken.....Kevin McChesney

Children’s Moment Anna Bigelow

Sermon:Hilde Medovich and RJ Gilliland

† Affirmation of Faith..... 2022 Senior Affirmation of Faith

We believe God is the Creator of all we know and beyond.
God is the representation of one true love.
We believe Jesus is the Son of God in human form who saves and redeems God’s people.
Jesus is the One who offers selfless love.
We believe the Holy Spirit is the light of God who guides us through the world God created; a powerful, loving entity of God that has the power to make us better people.
We believe that human beings are the children of God, created in God’s image.
We destroy what we have been given and take the gifts we have for granted.
All people are loved by God and belong to God.
We believe the Church is a community of believers in Jesus where we gather united in fellowship and love.
We believe as disciples of Jesus Christ that we should show God’s love through service and shine the light of God’s love on others with thankfulness.

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Ella Peacock

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.

Call for the Offering.....Elijah Bakker

Offertory: Only Love Can Do That.....Mark Miller
Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Hatred cannot drive out hate.
Only love can do that. (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

† 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: *Would the congregation please rise in body or in spirit, and join me in welcoming our newest members? 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. 292: What Wondrous Love is This Wondrous Love

† Benediction..... Alex Stirling

Voluntary: Postlude..... Charles Callahan

† *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 today are given to the glory of God in memory of Jerry Clayton on his birthday by his wife, Vicky Clayton.

The rose on the table celebrates the birth of Lillian Leamon Walton who was born April 13th to Amber and Will Walton. She is welcomed also by her big sister, Charlotte Walton.

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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Youth Ministry Director - Emily Robbins
Christopher Harris - Youth Ministry Intern

Thank you to Jessica Maruri and Ian Quillen for helping our youth compile and write today's liturgy.

Cover Art: "Doubting Thomas," by artist He Qi. www.heqiart.com

Music Participants: The Youth Vocal Ensemble, Matthew Phelps and Sarah Sharp, directors. The Youth Bell Choir, Andie Smith director. Matthew Phelps is organist today.

Today's Music: According to mythology, when St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland in the 5th century, King Logaire of Tara decreed that no one was allowed to light any fires until a pagan festival was begun by the lighting of a fire on Slane Hill. In a move of defiance against this pagan ritual, St. Patrick did light a fire, and, rather than execute him, the king was so impressed by his devotion that he let Patrick continue his missionary work. Three centuries later, a monk named Dallan Forgaill wrote the Irish poem, "Rop tú mo Baile" ("Be Thou my Vision), to remember and honor the faith of St. Patrick. Forgaill was martyred by pirates, but his poetry lived on as a part of the Irish monastic tradition for centuries until, in the early 20th century, Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated the poem into English, and in 1912, Eleanor Hull versified the text into what is now a well-loved hymn and prayer that at every moment of our lives, God would be our vision above all else.



ENCOURAGEMENT FOR HG HILL TEACHERS AND STAFF

We are writing letters of encouragement to the teachers and staff at HG Hill Middle School. Stop by Reed Hall this morning where there will be notecards available for you to use. We will get them to the faculty and staff of the school. Some children's Sunday School classes will have this as part of their activities today. This is an easy way to get involved and show love and support to educators who are working hard during this difficult time.

WEST END IS HIRING

West End is looking for full-time Preschool teachers, part-time childcare workers and an administrative assistant for worship and music. Apply online at westendumc.org/job-application.

CASTING CALL FOR ALL MEMBERS WITH HIDDEN TALENTS and SKILLS!!! FOR A TALENT SHOW ON MAY 21 AT 3 P.M.

If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, act, paint/draw/sculpt, do magic, swing a hammer, sew a costume, coiffe a wig, even lip sync a favorite song . . . WE NEED YOU! We ask that each Sunday School class be represented with either a performance on-stage or by helping behind the scenes. Please contact John McGuire at johnomcguire@gmail.com or 615-925-2141

JUNIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be partnering with Bethlehem Centers this summer to provide a Junior Internship opportunity to students in high school at their very first jobs. We need YOU to be a mentor this summer. We will need 10 mentors to serve for 1 hour a week on Thursday mid-day (more than likely 1-2 p.m.) in person, on site at Bethlehem Centers Nashville on Charlotte Avenue. Total commitment will include a training session, an orientation on May 31, and then six Thursday mentoring sessions starting the first week of June through July 14, and a closing celebration. You will be on a team with another mentor and two students. We do ask that mentors give a small, meaningful gift (\$25 or less) to their junior intern to mark the occasion of the end of the summer. If you are interested, please email Rev. Stacey at sharwelldye@westendumc.org.

QUIET SPACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are recruiting once more for Quiet Space volunteers. Our new hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM and we need folks to offer hospitality to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. If you can sit, offer a cup of coffee and a listening ear to help them navigate the community's resources, we need you! Please email Stacey Harwell-Dye (sharwelldye@westendumc.org).

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FRIDAY EMAIL?

One of the ways to find out what's going on in our church is to sign up for our Friday eNews at westendumc.org/enews.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at westendumc.org/give. Here you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift.
- Text To Give. Text "Give" to 615-697-4010, and the prompts will help you set up from there. Once registered, you can use this option easily going forward.



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