

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andantino (from Symphony no. 2)..... C. M. Widor

Welcome.....Brandon Baxter

Introit: O Let us Praise Thee Richard Farrant
O let us praise thee, thou our God, and so let all our days;
O let the heaven’s eternal day be thine eternal praise!

† Hymn No. 89: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore TheeHymn To Joy

† Call to Worship..... Nancy Parker
Liturgist: *God hears the prayers of our hearts and our voices.*
People: **God’s ears are inclined toward us.**
Liturgist: *Let us lift the cup of salvation for all to see,*
People: **for God is the source of our strength.**
Liturgist: *Let us call on God as long as we live!*
People: **Let us praise our God with thanksgiving!**


† 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.

† 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*) Michael Weaver
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.

Lesson from the New Testament: Acts 1:12-14

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

Children’s Moment

Communion Meditation: Praying TogetherBrandon Baxter

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

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

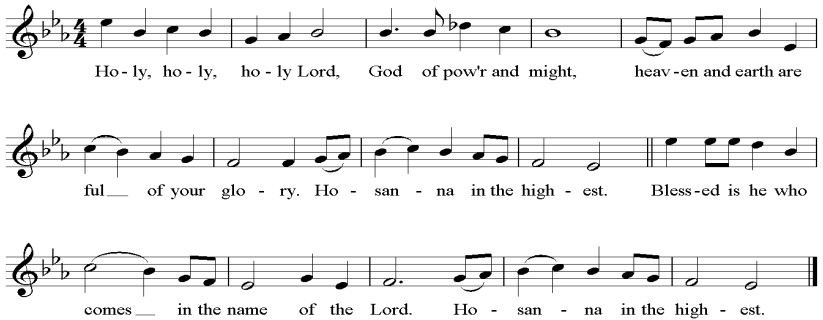
The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Come Let’s Rejoice..... John Amner
Come let’s rejoice unto the Lord: let us make joy to God our Savior.
Let us approach to his presence in confession, and in psalms let us
make joy to him. Alleluia!

† Doxology.....No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† 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

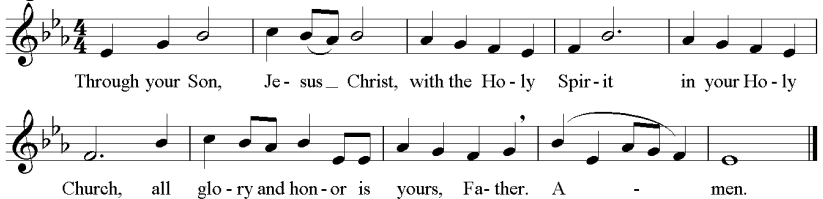
† Sanctus and Benedictus

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: 496, 375 and 628

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. 127: Guide Me, O Thou Great JehovahCwm Rhondda

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia, Alleluia (All Sing) Alleluia no. 1
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to God's name.

Voluntary: Prelude in C, BWV 547J. S. Bach

*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 in honor of our parents and grandparents,
Steve & Lynn Youngblood and (the late) David Stirling and Pam Stirling,
by Chris, Kristen, Alex, and Andrew Stirling.

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 adapted from a resource by Maren Tirabassi on the United Church of Christ website.

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

Today's Music: The melody to "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," is generally associated with Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. However, there are fragments of this melody in earlier works by Beethoven and Mozart. Edward Hodges arranged this melody for hymns in *Trinity Collection of Church Music*. In these original arrangements by Hodges, as well as in our current hymnal, Beethoven's original syncopation in the fourth line is preserved, although it is often "flattened out" in other hymnals. (Adapted from Carlton Young's *Companion to the Methodist Hymnal*)

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



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 VARIETY 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 johnmcguire@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.



WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

Use this QR code and your phone's camera to access today's worship information online.

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Third Sunday of Easter

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