

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude Modal..... Jean Langlais

WelcomeCarol 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: O Be Joyful in the LordEdward Fissinger
O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands!

† Opening Hymn No. 539: O Spirit of the Living God.....Forest Green

† Call to Worship Maggie Jarrell
Liturgist: *God, we gather today to worship you.*
People: **We bring our whole selves as an act of faith.**
Liturgist: *We praise your presence among us,*
People: **and ask that you would inspire us as you did the first disciples.**
All: **May we live as your followers this day and every day.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Ever Present God,
you are always with us, and we are not alone.
And yet we act as if we have to do everything ourselves.
We turn away from you and we turn away from our neighbors.
We hoard our resources rather than sharing with everyone.
We isolate ourselves in echo chambers
rather than listening to each other,
even when we disagree.
We hide away parts of who we are in fear of judgment or shame
rather than offering our whole selves, imperfect and beautiful.
We follow the latest trends rather than follow you.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us to live as your disciples, to love our neighbors,
and to show up just as we are.

† 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: How Firm a FoundationDan Forrest
(Hymn text can be found in the hymnal, #529)

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 Wyatt Forder to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm him hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Wyatt Forder, 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 ResponseNo. 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 Bill Miller
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 New Testament: Acts 2:37-47

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 402: Lord, I Want to be a Christian.....I Want to be a Christian

Children's Moment

Sermon: Called TogetherCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith Confirmation Affirmation of Faith 2022

We believe God is the only God, who created life, who protects us and guides us through life, and who loves everyone unconditionally.

We believe Jesus is God's only son, who was a teacher, a healer, and a miracle worker, who helped others know God, and who sacrificed himself for all.

We believe the Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity, the spiritual version of God who helps guide us.

We believe following Jesus means loving our neighbors, doing justice, walking with God, trusting Jesus, and helping in his plan.

We believe God calls us to serve others by using our gifts and loving everyone no matter what.

We believe grace is a gift from God where God forgives us and loves us; we offer grace to others.

We believe the Bible is a book that tells the story of God and God's people and that helps us answer questions and have a relationship with God.

We believe worship is our service to God, mentally, physically, and emotionally, and worship is where we pray, sing, praise God, and read scripture individually and communally.

We believe Baptism cleanses us from sin and marks us as children of God, and Holy Communion remembers the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of his body.

We believe the church is people who come together in a peaceful, sacred, open-minded, comfortable, and supportive place that is and feels like God's home.

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchErin Racine

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.**

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Acts of faith
prayers • presence • gifts • service • witness

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
May 8, 2022 at Eleven o'clock
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

2200 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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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 by Maggie Jarrell.

Music Participants: Chancel Choir. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Associate 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: The tune for "O Jesus, I Have Promised," first appeared in *The Methodist Sunday School Tune-Book*, 1881. The text was composed for the confirmation of author John Bode's daughter and two sons. The hymn entered Methodist hymnals in 1901.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

During the month of May, West End UMC is exploring our membership vows and what those commitments look like. On May 15th, the theme is "gifts" and we want to give everyone the opportunity to do as the early church did and give generously to help others. Alongside other Methodist churches in the area, we are committed to our work with Habitat for Humanity. Our group has committed to financially support one family as they work to buy and build a home in Nashville. West End has pledged to raise \$15,000 to go towards the total cost. On Sunday, May 15th, we invite you to live into your membership vows by giving to help meet our Habitat for Humanity pledge. Let's see if we can raise \$15,000 on May 15!

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.



Offertory: How Lovely are the Messengers.....Felix Mendelssohn
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
(Romans 5:15-16, from the oratorio St. Paul)

† 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!**

SENDING FORTH

Blessing for Reverend Erin Racine

† Closing Hymn No. 396: O Jesus, I Have Promised Angel's Story

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Voluntary: Prelude in D, BWV 532 J. S. Bach

† *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 today to the glory of God
by the family of Sallie and Bill Norton in memory of their parents,
Sarah McKelley King and Walter Hughey King, and
Adelaide Gregory Norton and William LaFayette Norton, Jr.

Wyatt Forder Bradford, son of Payton and Emma Bradford is presented for
baptism this morning.

The following were presented for Confirmation at the early service today: Lily
Claire Barker, Charlotte Elizabeth Bury, William Robert Duncan, Amelia
McLester Dunham, Eleanor Leigh Gambill. Aidan William Harris, Henry W.
Herbert, Morgan Lindseth, Noah Phelps, Hannah Kate Roberts, Wilson John
Rutterer, and Margaret Debely Weiss.