

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: Come and Let Us Sweetly Join Orlando Gibbons

† 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationMimi Dunham
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.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Called Together Carol Cavin-Dillon

Joys & Concerns of the Church Erin 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.

Offertory: Jubilate Deo Benjamin Britten
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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. (*Psalms 100*)

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!

The Baptismal Covenant and Confirmation

Presentation of Confirmands.....Maggie Jarrell

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *And now to the members of the congregation and family members present, I ask: do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?*

People: **We do.**

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons 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 persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

† 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.

Confirmation

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend these persons 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.**

Youth Welcome..... Mary Peacock

SENDING FORTH

† 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 will be presented
for baptism at the late service this morning.

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

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?

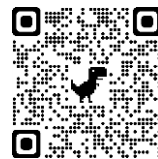
One of the ways to find out what’s going on in our church is to sign up for our
Friday eNews at westendumc.org/enews.

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.



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2022

Confirmation Class Members

- Lily Claire Barker
Charlotte Elizabeth Bury
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Henry W. Herbert
Morgan Lindseth
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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 8, 2022 at Eight Forty-five
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

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