

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on “Rhosymedre”Ralph Vaughan Williams

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: Jubilate DeoLaszlo Halmos
Jubilate Deo ! Everybody listen !
Sing a song of praise all you who love Christ!
Sing a song of praise!

† Opening Hymn No. 73: O Worship the King Lyons

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins
Liturgist: *Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.*
People: **Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**
Liturgist: *May we be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.*
People: **Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.**
Liturgist: *Loving God, keep our hearts and spirits ready to serve.*
People: **Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life with ministries of hope and peace. Amen.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of mercy,
we long to celebrate our unity,
but we confess the many ways that we are divided.
Our political ideologies, economic status, gender, and age
all too often obscure the common calling
we share in Christ's name.
May our shared identity as your children,
our communal witness to Christ,
and the uniqueness with which we have each been gifted
bind us together in your name.
Forgive our tendency toward separation and division,
and remind us that we are your Easter people.

† 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: Love Bade Me Welcome Ralph Vaughn Williams
Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance
in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything. “A
guest,” I answered, “worthy to be here:” Love said, “You shall be he.”
“I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.” Love
took my hand, and smiling did reply, “Who made the eyes but I?”
“Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame go where it doth
deserve.” “And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?” “My
dear, then I will serve.” “You must sit down” says Love, “and taste my
meat:” so I did sit and eat. (George Herbert)

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 Campbell Virgil 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, Campbell Virgil, 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..... David Beers
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 4:32-37

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

† Hymn No. 544: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song.....Bridegroom

Children's Moment

Sermon: Giving Together.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchBrandon Baxter

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: Come, Thou Fount of Every BlessingLloyd Pfautsch
(Text can be found in the hymnal, #400)

† 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

† Closing Hymn No. 399: Take My Life, and Let It Be..... Messiah

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord (all sing).....Tallis Canon
**Go with us Lord and guide our way through this and every coming day
That in your spirit strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Allegro Con Spirito Frank Bridge

† *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.*

+++

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
from the wedding of Maggie Johnson and Kevin Higgins
and in loving memory of the bride's father, Walt Johnson.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Mills Lively Myers who was born
May 3rd to Cameron and Amy Bowers Myers. She is welcomed also by her
siblings, Clyde and Loftin Myers, her grandparents, Nan and Greg Bowers, and
her aunt, Katy Bowers Kuhlman.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Sienna Rose Salato who was born
May 7th to Kristin and Jay Salato. She is welcomed also by her big brother,
Micah Salato, and her grandparents, Sue and Mike Salato.

Campbell Virgil Werly, son of Daniel and Liz Werly,
is presented for baptism today.

Thomas Rutherford Whitacre, son of Todd and Julia Whitacre
was presented for baptism at the 8:45 service today.

*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!*

+++

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from
MinistryMatters.com.

Cover art by Shelley Kuhlmeier.

Music Participants: Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps is
organist-director. Associate, Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Ben
Troxler is bass soloist.

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



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

During the month of May, West End UMC is exploring our membership vows and what those commitments look like. TODAY, 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. TODAY, 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 TODAY!

GUATEMALA TRIP INTEREST MEETING

We will be going to Guatemala this upcoming October 29-November 6. We have spots available both on the medical and stove building sides. To share about the trip and answer any questions you may have, we will be having an interest meeting on Sunday, May 22nd in McWhirter Hall immediately after the 11 AM worship service. Lunch will be served. Here are some more details: Estimated cost of the trip is \$2,000 which includes flight, hotel, travel once there and most meals. We work with an organization called ODIM (Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya) www.odimguatemala.org. The trip includes a free day in Antigua. If you are coming to the interest meeting, please RSVP here: <https://www.westendumc.org/2022-guatemala-trip>
If you already know you want to go, the commitment form is at the end of that web page.

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.



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 15, 2022 at Eleven o'clock
Fifth Sunday of Easter

2200 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

615.321.8500
www.westendumc.org