

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: Thank the LordRene Clausen

† Opening Hymn No. 73: O Worship the KingLyons

† Call to WorshipEmily 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.**

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 Thomas Rutherford 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, Thomas Rutherford, 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 IlluminationSkip Malone

**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.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Giving TogetherCarol 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: Take My Life, and Let it Be Ruth Watson Henderson

(Text can be found in the hymnal, #399)

† 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.

Thomas Rutherford Whitacre, son of Todd and Julie Whitacre, is presented for
baptism today.

Campbell Virgil Werly, son of Daniel and Liz Werly, will be presented for
baptism at the 11 o'clock 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!*

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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: Here is how author Frances Havergal describes the events that
inspired the writing of *Take My Life, and Let it Be*: "I went for a little visit of five
days. There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed
for; some converted, but not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer: 'Lord,
give me all in this house.' And He just DID! Before I left the house everyone
had got a blessing. The last night of my visit, after I had retired, the governess
asked me to go to the two daughters. They were crying, etc. Then and there
both of them trusted and rejoiced. It was nearly midnight. I was too happy to
sleep, and passed most of the night in praise and renewal of my own
consecration; and these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in my
heart one after another till they finished with 'ever, only, all for Thee.'" *(Lutheran Hymnal Handbook, 486).*



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.odinguatemala.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.



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