

## GATHERING

Voluntary: “The Holy Christ Has Arisen,” BWV 628.....J. S. Bach

Welcome .....Carol 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: Sing for Joy ..... Hal Hopson  
Sing for joy, O heavens; sing for joy, O earth, for the Lord has risen, the Lord has triumphed. Sing for Joy! Alleluia!

† Opening Hymn No. 173: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies.....Ratisbon

† Call to Worship ..... Frances Merritt  
Liturgist: *Christ’s crucifixion is a testimony to his love for humankind.*  
People: **We bear witness to the suffering of Christ.**  
Liturgist: *Christ’s resurrection is a testimony to his victory over death.*  
People: **We bear witness to the joy of Christ.**  
Liturgist: *All are invited to participate in the life of Christ: both suffering and joy.*  
People: **We enter the family of Christ bearing witness. May the testimony of his life be a light to guide us on our path.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Holy One,**  
**you who made yourself nothing**  
**so that everyone might receive you,**  
**we confess that our attention is often distracted**  
**from the things we ought to bear witness to:**  
**the suffering of our neighbors,**  
**the joy of our friends,**  
**the small, divine interactions that shape our days.**  
**Focused on our own plans, goals, and longings,**  
**we miss your presence in the world around us.**  
**Let our witness to your crucifixion invite us to heal injustice.**  
**Let our witness to your resurrection invite us to celebrate life.**  
**Let our witness to your compassion invite us to attentiveness**  
**to the world around us.**  
**By bearing witness, bring us closer to you and**  
**your abundant love.**

† 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: Peace I Leave With You ..... René Clausen  
Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, my peace I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Amen. (John 14:27)

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination ..... Rick Sanders  
**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 Acts 10:34-48

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

† Hymn No. 156: I Love to Tell the Story.....Hankey

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Bearing Witness.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Nancy Parker

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: O Clap Your Hands.....John Rutter  
O clap your hands together all ye people; O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises unto our God, unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. (Psalms 47: 1-7)

† 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

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome  
Liturgist: *Family of God, these persons are now entrusted 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.**

† Closing Hymn No. 188: Christ Is the World’s Light ..... Christe Sanctorum

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake, O Sleeper (vs. 5, all sing) .....Amazing Grace  
**For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.**  
**Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

Voluntary: Carillon .....Louis Vierne

† 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 and in loving memory of Elizabeth Murrey and George S. Dibrell, Elizabeth Dibrell and Alden H. Smith, George Dibrell Smith, Alden H. Smith Jr, and Judith Gray Walton Smith, by their family.

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 Jayme Yeo.

The Prayers of the People are adapted from *To Light Their Way* by Kayla Craig.

Cover Art by Shelley Kuhlmeier.

Music Participants: The 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: Rev. F. Pratt Green, author of "Christ Is the World's Light," is one of the best-known of contemporary hymnwriters in the world. His writings appear in practically every new hymnal and "hymn supplement" wherever English is spoken and sung. Rev. Green was born in Liverpool, England, in 1903 and lived to the age of 97. Ordained in the British Methodist ministry, he had been a pastor and district superintendent in northern and southern England. He wrote hymns his entire life but began writing prolifically after retiring from regular ministry. In his obituary he is quoted as saying, "Singing hymns is such a dangerous activity...you get this glow which you can mistake for a religious experience."



#### READERS NEEDED FOR PROJECT TRANSFORMATION READING WEEK

Project Transformation mobilizes volunteers to read with children throughout their summer program. Our West End reading week will Monday – Thursday, June 13 – 16, from 9:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. Each day, we will provide 10 volunteers to read with children one-on-one at 61st Avenue UMC. Ages 13 and up are encouraged to volunteer at [westendumc.org/pt](http://westendumc.org/pt).

#### WEST END AT PRIDE 22

The Nashville Pride Festival is a welcoming place to come together with friends, family, and loved ones to celebrate the progress of the LGBTQ+ community, and West End UMC has a presence there each year! We are delighted to join with other UMCs in the area to present one booth with individual church tables. PRIDE will take place this summer at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park on June 25 and 26.

There are two ways you can be involved:

- **Be a part of the Parade** - Join us for this fun and exciting parade through Nashville to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride! West End has 30 spots to fill in the parade, so sign up now before we will up!
- **Host our West End Booth** - Help us share the light of Christ at our West End Booth! We need people to help with set up, sell shirts, and clean up at the end of the festival. Individuals or families can sign up to do this. Sign up online at [westendumc.org/pride22](http://westendumc.org/pride22)

#### VBS 2022

West End UMC is excited to be having VBS again this summer June 27-30! We hope you will join us for a fun summer program for children 3 years old by June through rising 5th grade! VBS will be 5-8 p.m. each evening and cost \$40 per child, with a discount for additional children in the same family. Register now at [westendumc.org/vbs](http://westendumc.org/vbs).

#### 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](http://westendumc.org/enews).

#### WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at [westendumc.org/give](http://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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#### ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 29, 2022 at Eleven o'clock  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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