

GATHERING

Voluntary: Meditation for Organ Matthew Phelps

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: Day by Day Harold Friedell

† Opening Hymn No. 62:..... Lasst Uns Erfreuen
All Creatures of Our God and King (Vs. 1-3, and 7)

† Call to Worship Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *You have called us to come to you.*

People: **We are here.**

Liturgist: *You have offered water as the gift of life.*

People: **We are thirsty.**

Liturgist: *You have said, "Surely I am coming soon."*

People: **We reply, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Alpha and Omega,
you go before us and come behind us.**

You are always near,

and yet we fail to acknowledge your presence.

We try to go our own way.

We ignore your invitation to come.

**We reject the grace you offer us, and we withhold grace
from our neighbors and ourselves.**

**We cause harm with our words and actions
and with what we leave undone.**

Forgive us we pray.

Free us from our captivity to sin and death.

Open our hearts to your abundant and unconditional love.

**Send us into the world with your message of love, mercy
and justice for all.**

† 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 live
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 Michael Jeffrey
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,
Michael Jeffrey, 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 James Sewell

**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: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: An Open Invitation Carol Cavin-Dillon

† An Affirmation of Welcome

Liturgist: *Everyone is welcome at West End!*

People: **We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville
and beyond.**

Liturgist: *We gather as the people of God with a wide range of
religious backgrounds, education levels, political
and theological perspectives.*

People: **We value that diversity.**

Liturgist: *We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to
everyone:*

People: **every age,**

Liturgist: *every race,*

People: **every gender identity,**

Liturgist: *every sexual orientation,*

People: **every economic and family status,**

Liturgist: *every ethnicity,*

People: **and every mental and physical ability.**

All: **We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!**

Joys & Concerns of the Church Katie Minnis

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: The Secret of Christ Richard Shephard

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak.

I will lead the blind in a way they know not,
in paths that they have not known I will guide them.

I will turn their darkness into light,
and I will not forsake them.

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life,
clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God;
and on either side of the river was there a tree of life,
and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations.

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer
with minds awake and thankful hearts,
that we may share the secret of Christ
with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,
following in the steps of Jesus,
our Master and our Friend. Amen.

Based on Isaiah 42:14-16; Revelation 22:1-3 and Colossians 4:2-4

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 everyone:**
*every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation,
economic and family status,
ethnicity, and mental and physical ability.*

WE BELIEVE GOD LOVES EVERYONE

unconditionally.

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 12, 2022 at Eight Forty-five

First Sunday after Pentecost

2200 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

615.321.8500
www.westendumc.org

† 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 of Katie Minnis

† Closing Hymn: Your Love, O God.....Finlandia

**Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.
You leave us free to seek you or reject you,
you give us room to answer "yes" or "no"**

*Refrain: Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow,
Wide as the wind, and our eternal home.*

**We long for freedom where our truest being
is given hope and courage to unfold.
We seek in freedom space and scope for dreaming,
and look for ground where trees and plants can grow.
(Refrain)**

**But there are walls that keep us all divided;
we fence each other in with hate and war.
Fear is the bricks and mortar of our prison,
Our pride of self, the prison coat we wear.
(Refrain)**

**O judge us, Lord, and in your judgement free us,
and set our feet in freedom's open space;
take us as far as your compassion wanders
among the children of the human race.
(Refrain)**

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: AlleluiaJaques Berthier

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Voluntary: Toccata in G Major..... William Walond
† *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 today are given by Earl and Helen Gaye Brewster in memory of Helen's mother, Martha Helen Lord Ashworth.

The flowers in Reed Hall are given in memory of Martha Likins by her family from her memorial service on Saturday, June 11.

Michael Jeffrey Weiner, son of Jeffrey and Stephanie Weiner, is presented for baptism 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!

+++

Liturgy by Maggie Jarrell.

Cover Art: Shelley Kuhlmeier

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

"Your Love, O God" words by Anders Frostenson, translated by Fred Kaan, 1972. Copyright, 1974 Hope Publishing. "Alleluia" music by Jaques Berthier. Copyright Les Presses de Taizé and GIA publications. Reprinted with permission. Onelicense.net #810007.



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.

