

GATHERING

Voluntary: Air.....Telemann, arr. Wolfe

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: Lord, Jesus Christ 17th c. German

† Opening Hymn No. 157: Jesus Shall Reign..... Duke Street

† Call to Worship..... Maggie Jarrell
Liturgist: *Let us worship the Creator of the heavens and earth,*
People: **to whom all things belong!**
Liturgist: *Let us worship Jesus, our teacher and friend,*
People: **who calls us to faith and generosity.**
Liturgist: *Let us worship the Spirit of Abundance,*
People: **who releases us from insecurity and restores us to contentment.**
Liturgist: *Let us open our hearts to worship God.*
People: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Compassion,
we come before you this day to ask forgiveness:
when in our excesses we consume more than our share
while others go with basic needs unmet;
when we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern;
when we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need;
when possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love.
Forgive us, Merciful God.
Turn our hearts toward you and help us to reach out in service to others, that we might enjoy the riches of generosity, love, joy, and peace.

† 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 Illumination.....Zak Kelley
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 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: The Rich Fool 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: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee..... arr. Jody W. Lindh
If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days; who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move. Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate'er thy Father's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent; nor doubt our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own. Sing, pray and keep his ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be, and trust his word though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.
(Georg Neumark, trans. Catherine Winkworth)

† Doxology.....No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 127: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Bind Us Together Bob Gillman
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

Voluntary: Toccata in B Minor Eugène Gigout

† *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 in loving memory of Virginia and Percy Wilkins by their family.

Leopold Henry Mueller-Evans, son of Brent Evans and Dorothee Mueller, 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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Cover Art: "The Rich Fool" from the website paramentics.com

Liturgy by Erin Racine.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.

Today's Music: The original text of "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," was written in Welsh by William Williams, a circuit-riding preacher, in 1745, and given the original title, "A prayer for strength to go through the wilderness of the world." It has since been translated into seventy-five languages. It was translated into English by Peter Williams (no relation) in 1771. Most modern hymnals now use the first verse of Peter's translation, and the last two from William's own translation into English.



SUMMER TOWN HALL

Sunday, July 31 // 9:45-10:45 a.m. // 4th Story Theater

As the month of July comes to a close, we are excited to be moving into a new season in the life of the church. We hope you'll join us for a Summer Town Hall to look ahead to our future together. We'll hear from our Annual Conference delegates about what's happening in our denomination right now; and our Project Thrive Team will share four "God-Sized Dreams," formulated from all the wonderful conversation and feedback we received over the past two years, to guide our ministries in the months ahead. Come join us as we celebrate the future together!

TAKE OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE SURVEY



We would like to hear from you about what you expect from our weekly worship service and how to best use this time to provide a space for individuals to connect with God and each other. We look forward to your feedback to provide the best West End worship experience possible. Take a moment this week and visit westendumc.org/survey or use this QR code.

REGISTER NOW FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND YOUTH ENSEMBLE AND BELLS

Join us this August for another season of Children's and Youth music at West End UMC.

- Children's Choirs will meet on Wednesday nights beginning August 24 from 6:15-7 p.m. Register your child now at westendumc.org/childrenschoir.
- Youth Ensemble and Bells will meet on Sundays. Register at westendumc.org/youthmusic.

SUPPORT HG HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

It's almost time for our children to go back to school, which means that our United 4 Hope partner HG Hill Middle School is about to reopen! Join us for our fall kick off meeting with our liaison, Maggie Dicks, and our new coordinator, Anne Underhill on Sunday, August 7, after the 11 a.m. service in Room 310. Pizza will be served for lunch. Questions? Email Anne Underhill at annerunderhill@gmail.com.

INTERRELIGIOUS BOOK CHAT WITH HADASSAH NASHVILLE CHAPTER, RABBI JOSHUA KULLOCK, AND WEST END UMC

Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 PM in McWhirter Hall

Join members of West End UMC, Hadassah Jewish Women's Zionist Organization, and Rabbi Joshua Kullock of West End Synagogue for a discussion of the prevalent problem of antisemitism in our culture. Participants are asked to read the book *Antisemitism: Here and Now* by Deborah E. Lipstadt in preparation for our conversation. Rabbi Kullock will facilitate our dialogue as we discuss insights from the book. Registration is required. Following registration, you will be contacted by Pastor Brandon to come pick up a free copy of the book. Register at westendumc.org/bookchat.

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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
July 31, 2022 at Eight forty-five o'clock
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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