

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andante *from Sonata no. 3 in A major* Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome Brandon Baxter

Introit: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Benedictine Plainsong
Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face. Here would I touch and handle things unseen. Here grasp with firmer hands eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean. Amen.

† Hymn No. 578: God of Love and God of Power Unser Herrscher

† Call to Worship..... Frances Merritt
Liturgist: *God, you call us to come and hear.*
People: **Our ears and minds are open.**
Liturgist: *God, you call us to set aside our evil deeds.*
People: **We repent and ask for mercy.**
Liturgist: *God, you call us to be people of justice.*
People: **May our songs, our prayers, and our actions reflect your will.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† 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, we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*) Anita Schmid
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.

Lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Brandon Baxter
Come Now, Let Us Argue It Out

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: O Taste and See Ralph Vaughan Williams
O Taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him. (Psalm 34:8)

† Doxology No. 95

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus



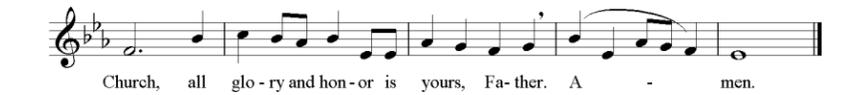
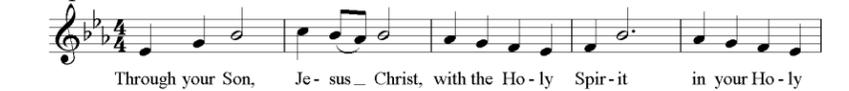
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 357, TFWS 2238, 629

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*

People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**

Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*

People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*

People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 384: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Beecher

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia (All Sing) Jacques 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: Trumpet Allemande.....Anthony Holborne

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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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 altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brant Phillips in celebration of the 57th wedding anniversary of his parents, Wade and DiAnne Phillips.

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Music Participants: Chancel Choir, Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps is organist-director. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist. Emma Jackson, soprano soloist.

Today's Music: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," is considered by many to be one of Charles Wesley's finest texts and is one of his most popular hymns. It is believed that his first line was inspired by a line from a John Dryden poem used in Henry Purcell's opera *King Arthur*, which begins, "Fairest Isle, all Isles excelling, Seat of Pleasures and of Loves."



AUGUST'S COMMUNION OFFERING

August's communion offering will support work with our public-school partnership with HG Hill Middle School. Teachers themselves often pay classroom expense from their own funds. So, together with other organizations, we are proudly standing in the gap so that students and teachers can benefit. The money goes to support families, students, and staff at the school in many ways, from faculty appreciation lunches and coffee carts for the teachers to a holiday party for the children.

DONUTS TODAY IN REED HALL

Stop by Reed Hall this morning for a back-to-school donut hosted by the Hospitality Ministry!

PROMOTION SUNDAY AND SCHOOL YEAR BLESSINGS

We'll kick off the new year for Sunday School on August 14 with Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the School Year in worship. We'll pray for students, teachers, and staff of schools in both worship services. There will be a special service of promotion for kids, and everyone will move to their new Sunday school classes 9:45-10:45am.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WEST END

Wednesday Nights at West End are back starting August 24! Take a moment in the middle of your week to fellowship with other believers and encounter God. It starts with Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:15 p.m. Children Choirs and the new Encounter worship service begin at 6:15 p.m. Find out more and RSVP for dinner at westendumc.org/Wednesday.

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.

HG HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPORT MEETING TODAY

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.

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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