

GATHERING

Voluntary: My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....arr. Charles Callahan

WelcomeCarol Cavin-Dillon

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Introit: Come Ye That Love the Lord arr. Alice Parker

† Opening Hymn No. 116: The God of Abraham Praise.....Leoni

† Call to Worship.....Nancy Parker

Liturgist: *Praise God for things seen:*

People: **for stars and heavens, for sand and seashore.**

Liturgist: *Praise God for things hoped for:*

People: **for things we are waiting for and working toward.**

Liturgist: *Praise God for the gift of faith:*

People: **for mothers and fathers, strangers and friends, and the faithful who came before us.**

All: **We give God thanks and praise.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Creator God, maker of all peoples, your call for justice is so clear.

We are amazed at how easily we fail to hear you over the din of daily life.

We want to cease to do evil.

We want to learn to do good.

We want to seek justice for all of creation.

Yet we rarely do all we can to defend, care for, and plead for those in need.

As you have sought us out, so we seek your pardon.

Renew in us the faith of our ancestors.

May we not forget these responsibilities you've set before us.

Grant us courage, we pray, as individuals, as communities, and as nations, to bring about the justice you desire.

† 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..... Samuel Wilson

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 Old Testament: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Children's Moment: Blessing of the School Year

Sermon: Now Faith..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith..... No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Emily Robbins

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: Rich in PromiseMark Sedio

Rich in promise, rich in present, dry as dust and desert sand,
buried in the potent land, deep and dark the grain lies dormant:
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

Running river in the desert, water meets the wilderness,
transformation, more from less, swollen seed sends newness skyward:
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

Parable of grain and greening, paradox of death and birth,
story of our wait in earth for the sacramental raining:
Behold God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.

So we move from seed to ripeness, so we move from grain to green,
letting go of what has been, we embody God's great promise:
Behold, God does a new thing, through death God brings new life.
(Susan Palo Cherwien, based on the writings of Hildegard von Bingen)

† 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. 140: Great is Thy FaithfulnessFaithfulness

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord..... 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: Psalm 19..... Benedetto Marcello

† *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 celebration of the baptisms of
Eloise Anne Dabbs and George Wickham Dabbs by their parents,
W. Spence Dabbs and Emma Sholl.

Eloise Anne Dabbs and George Wickham Dabbs, children of Emma Sholl and
W. Spence Dabbs will be presented for baptism at the late 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: The Sanctuary Choir. Music Intern, Bethany DiSantis, is conducting this morning. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist/accompanist.

Today's Music: Thomas Chisholm, author of "Great is Thy Faithfulness" led a pretty ordinary life. He did not write this hymn during a period of intense grief or after encountering God in a profound way. Instead, he found truth in the words he encountered in Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."



PROMOTION SUNDAY AND SCHOOL YEAR BLESSINGS

We'll kick off the new year for Sunday School today 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.

IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR HABITAT

The Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Signup is Live! Once more we are joining with other Methodist churches across Nashville, including our siblings in the AME and CME churches to build a home for a family in Nashville. Find out more and pick your date at westendumc.org/habitat.

WE ARE HEADED TO A SOCCER GAME

We are headed to a Nashville Soccer Club game! Join us on Saturday, September 10 for a great time together at the new GEODIS Park. Tickets are \$22 each, and we need to know by August 26 if you are coming with us, so don't delay getting your tickets reserved at westendumc.org/soccer.

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.

JUBILEE SUNDAY AND ENGAGEMENT PARTY IS AUGUST 28

We're launching into Fall at West End UMC! We want to celebrate on Sunday, August 28 in worship with choirs, organ, and brass at 8:45 or 11 a.m. Then, join us in the Gym all morning for our Engagement Party where you can learn about all ways to engage in ministry in and through West End. If you need to worship from home right now join us in real time over Livestream. Let this be a Sunday we when celebrate the West End connection with one another.

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.

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. If you would like to join us for this exciting and enriching opportunity for growth and connection with our Jewish siblings in Nashville, please 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.



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