

GATHERING

Voluntary: PrièreRené Vierne

Welcome Erin Racine

Introit: Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast..... Hursley

† Hymn No. 89: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore TheeHymn to Joy

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *Let us follow Jesus*

People: **by living the faith we profess.**

Liturgist: *Let us serve Jesus*

People: **by offering ourselves in service to others.**

Liturgist: *Let us trust Jesus*

People: **by taking up the cross with confidence.**

Liturgist: *Let us worship Jesus*

People: **by offering ourselves in praise and thanksgiving!**

† 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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

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*)Brandon Rich

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 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Hate Who?Erin Racine

† 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 Lord, Increase My Faith.....Orlando Gibbons

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience. In all my adversity, sweet Jesu say, Amen.

† 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.**

† 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are



ful _ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes _ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Christ has died, Christ is _ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:



Through your Son, Je - sus _ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly



Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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: 612, 623, 480

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. 419: I Am Thine, O LordI Am Thine

† Benediction

† Benediction Response no. 898: Amen..... Danish



Voluntary: Festival VoluntaryFlor Peeters

*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!

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Music Participants: Chancel Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger is organist-director.

Today's Music: Henry Van Dyke's brilliant hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," has many layers that add to the beauty of his text. As hymnologist Albert Bailey writes, within Van Dyke's text, "creation itself cannot conceal its joy, and that joy is appreciated by God the center of it all; likewise, all nature fills us with joy, caused fundamentally by our recognition of God as the giver." (*The Gospel in Hymns*, p. 554).



VOLUNTEER FOR HABITAT

Habitat NEEDS YOU to build a house for a family in Nashville. We are **critically low on volunteers**. Upcoming dates are Sept. 17-18, October 1, October 21-22, and November 12. Find out more and pick your dates at westendumc.org/habitat.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WEST END

Wednesday Nights at West End started back 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.

SMALL GROUPS AT WEST END UMC

Connecting With Others · Deepening Relationships · Growing in Faith
The Spiritual Formation Team at WEUMC invites you to consider joining small group in fall 2022! Small groups are just what they sound like, a small gathering of people who come together around various topics, interests, or affinities. Rather than one-size fits all Bible studies or activities, small groups choose their own focus, when and how to meet, and duration (if your Group prefers to meet for a few weeks; a few months; or longer). If you have not found a place to connect more deeply with other folks at West End, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faithful relationships with one another. To express your interest in Small Groups, fill out our brief interest survey by visiting westendumc.org/smallgroups

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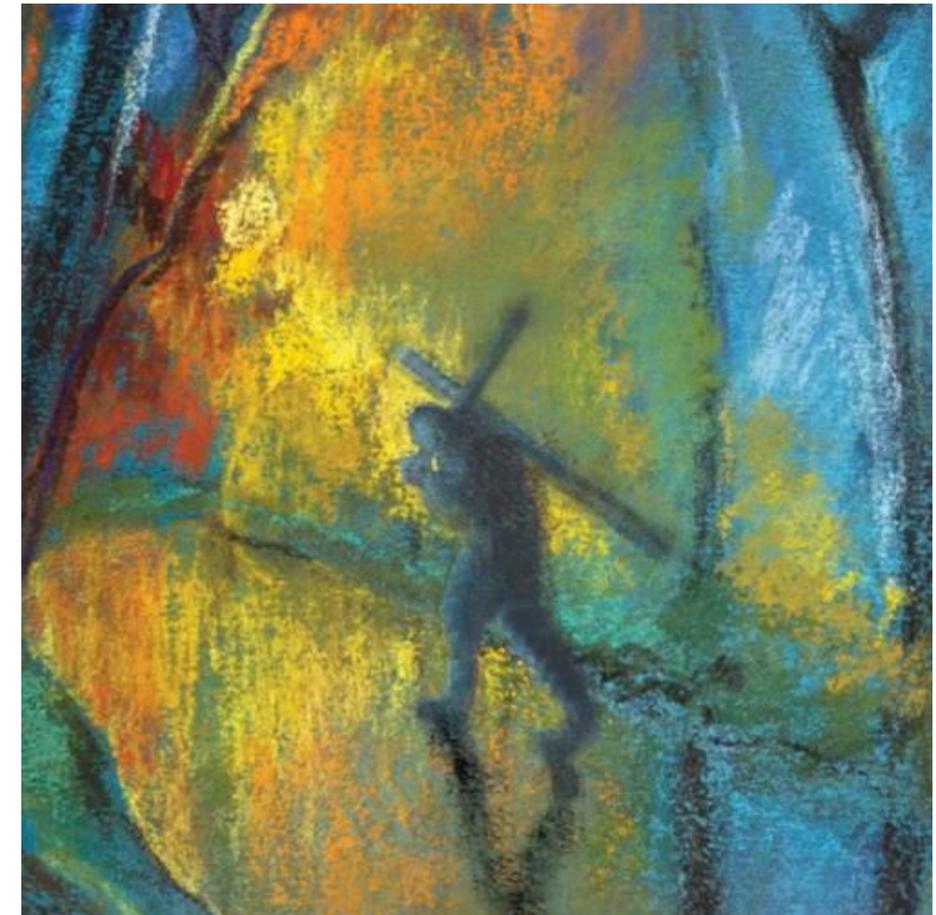
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