

GATHERING

Voluntary: Invocation, Op. 50, no. 1Alexandre Guilmant

WelcomeCarol Cavin-Dillon

Please take a moment to record your attendance.

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: Thank the LordRené Clausen

† Processional Hymn No 100:Lauda Anima
God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

† Call to WorshipBrandon Baxter

Liturgist: *Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.*

People: **We gather to worship with joy and in hope.**

Liturgist: *Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.*

People: **We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.**

Liturgist: *Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.*

People: **We come as we are and ask the Spirit to direct our vision.**

Liturgist: *Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.*

People: **We come to worship with all that we are.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord,

**yet it is too easy for us to worship other things:
other activities, other relationships, other gods.**

**Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray,
when we serve other gods and worship them.**

Help us turn away from our distractions and sin.

Strengthen us to take up our cross and follow you.

† 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 life 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 Jack Charles to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Jack Charles, 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 Response.....No. 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 IlluminationZak 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 16:1-13

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Eternal InvestmentsCarol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Erin Racine

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: O Be Joyful.....Glenn L. Rudolph

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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. (*Psalms 100*)

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 577: God of Grace and God of Glory . Cwm Rhondda

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia (All sing).....Jacques Berthier



Voluntary: Tuba Tune in D major C. S. Lang

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

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

Livestream and video recording happen during our church services and worship events.

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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 in memory of William Lambeth Lester and Pattie French Byrn Lester by Elizabeth Fox and Laura and Tom Pollock.

Jack Charles Whipple, son of Matt and Amanda Whipple, is presented for baptism.

Robert Clark Perkins, son of Clark Perkins and Emma Jackson, will be presented for baptism at the late service today.

The Liturgy is adapted from www.umdiscipleship.org, written by Derek Weber.

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

As our organ project continues, we ask for patience if there is a malfunction. Please continue to sing while our musicians move into their contingency plan.

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.



WEST END UMC WELCOMES DR. JAMES HE QI

West End UMC is honored and excited to welcome world-renowned artist Dr. James He Qi this morning. Take a moment this morning to visit the 4th Story Theater for a special art show featuring 26 of his Biblically inspired pieces of art and a chance to meet Dr. He Qi.

TODAY! STRESS: HELPING TWEENS AND TEENS WITH HEALTHY RESPONSES

A Seminar for Parents and Others Caring for Young Ones

September 18, 5:30-7:00 PM, McWhirter Hall

Join counselors Kris Lott and Rich Gorman of Brentwood Counseling Associates for an important discussion about the stresses and pressures that young people face today, and how to help young people respond to stress in healthy ways. Kris and Rich will describe what they are seeing in the lives of young people as it relates to stress, provide guidance as to how to help tweens and teens manage stress, and answer questions you may have about how you care for young people. This seminar will be great for parents, guardians, grandparents, or anyone else who cares for young people of older elementary, middle, or high school ages. The event is free and open to all. We hope to see you there!

TAIZE SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Quiet the mind, open the heart, feed the soul. Join us this evening for our Taizé Service of Prayer and Healing at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary and over Livestream.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

4601 Charlotte Pike // Sunday, September 25 // 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Bring a picnic dinner and join other West End friends for a fun evening at Richland Park! We've reserved the picnic shelter, but you may want to bring chairs or a blanket. We'll have 9 Square, Corn Hole, Can Jam, and more available for pick-up games. Even if games aren't your thing, we hope you'll come enjoy fellowship with other West End friends. See you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WEST END

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

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

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