

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”Robert Powell

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: Gather Us InMarty Haugen

† Processional Hymn No. 139.....Lobe Den Herren
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† Greeting.....Molly Borneman
Liturgist: *We are created in God’s image.*
People: **We are God’s beloved.**
Liturgist: *We are called children of God.*
People: **We will follow where God leads us.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Creator God,
you made us in your image
and gave us stewardship over the earth.
You have called us very good, beloved, your children.
You invited us into the covenant of baptism
and celebrate our belonging to your family.
And yet we turn away.
We confess this day that sometimes we do not live into
our baptismal vows.
We have sinned against each other and against you.
We have turned our backs on injustice and oppression.
We have trusted in things that are not of your grace.
We have not loved our neighbors fully.
And yet, we are still your beloved children.
The remembrance of these vows calls us back
to repentance and reminds us of who we are
and whose we are.
Forgive us,
and grant that we may boldly confess Jesus Christ
as Lord and Savior and live according to your will.

† 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 (*in unison*)..... Mary Mitchell
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: Genesis 1:26-31

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

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Hide and Seek.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Reaffirmation of Baptism
You are invited to proceed to one of the four stations and remember your baptism. You may kneel in prayer at the rail and stay as long as you wish.

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymn during the renewal of baptismal vows: Hymn No. 252

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.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Down to the River to Prayarr. Greg Walter
As I went down in the river to pray, studyin’ about that good ol’ way
and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord show me the way.
...Oh sisters, let’s go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh, brothers, let’s go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh fathers, let’s go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh mothers, let’s go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.
...Oh sinners, let’s go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 593: Here I Am, LordHere I Am, Lord

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God.....Daniel Iverson
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Voluntary: Processional.....William Mathias
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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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Thomas A. Turner, Jr., Frances Jackson Turner, Thomas A. Turner, III and Andrew S. Turner by their family.

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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Liturgy written by Maggie Jarrell.

Cover Art: "The Sixth Day of Creation," the final of six panels in West End's Old Testament window that depict the six days of creation as described in Genesis 1. The window was designed by the Nicola D'Ascenzo studios and donated by Wade C. Owen.

Music Participants: Sanctuary Choir; Patricia Cullum, soprano (Introit); Emma Jackson, soprano & Bethany DiSantis, alto (Offertory). Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.

Today's Music: Our recessional hymn, "Here I am, Lord," is a song of commitment and sending forth sung in both denominational and ecumenical worshipping communities. Schutte's setting contrasts the Hebrew psalmic transcendent characterizations of God as Lord of sea, sky, snow, rain, wind, and flame, with compelling prophetic and pietistic themes of the caring God who is intimately involved in the struggles of the poor and oppressed. (Carlton Young)



INTERESTED IN JOINING WEST END?

Our next 4-week membership class will begin Sunday, January 15 at 9:45am in McWhirter Hall. No registration is required. For more information, contact Erin Racine at eracine@westendumc.org.

150TH CELEBRATION KICKS OFF THIS MORNING

In 2023, West End United Methodist is celebrating its 150th year! Join us as we kick off the festivities with a Jubilee Sunday this morning. Come to McWhirter Hall at 10 a.m. for coffee and brunch bites, to experience WEUMC history, and hear how you can be involved in the celebration throughout the year.

COMMUNION PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each month, volunteers are needed to prepare the bread and juice for Communion, set the Communion table prior to worship, and clean up afterward. Preparation takes place during the week prior to Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month). If you are able to help with preparation during the week and/or set up and clean up on Sundays, contact Ashley Darling at ashleyjdarling@gmail.com.

READING GOD'S STORY TOGETHER

The Bible is a book that never gets old. It continues to speak into our lives and teach us about who God is and who we are called to be. Whether you've never read the Bible before, have read bits and pieces, or have studied it from cover to cover, we all have more to discover. And there's no better way to study the scriptures than in community. So, you are invited to join at least 150 other West Enders in reading through the Bible together in 2023! Over the next year, as West End celebrates 150 years of ministry, we will be hearing our story within the context of God's greater story as told through the scriptures. Visit westendumc.org/bibleyear to find all the information you need to participate in reading with us, but also how to get involved in a small group, upcoming large group gatherings, reading guides and more. Come and be part of the story!

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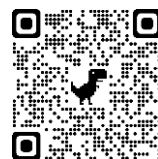
One of the ways to find out what's going on in our church is to sign up for our Friday eNews at westendumc.org/enews.

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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