

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio in E major.....Frank Bridge

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: Thank the Lord .....René Clausen

† Processional Hymn No. 92: For the Beauty of the Earth.....Dix

† Call to Worship.....Emily Capes Robbins

Liturgist: *We rejoice in the love of the Lord.*

People: **We give thanks for God’s grace.**

Liturgist: *May our lives be a sacrifice of praise.*

People: **May our worship bring joy to our God!**

Liturgist: *Let us give to others as God has given to us.*

People: **May the compassion we show one another give God glory.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God Our Helper,**

**you are the God who stayed with Joseph  
after he was cast into the pit.**

**You are the God who rescued Jonah  
from the belly of the whale.**

**You are the God who, like the Samaritan,  
would save the beaten and the robbed  
when others walk by.**

**You call us to do the same,**

**yet too often we pass by the person in need.**

**Forgive us when we put our needs first.**

**Have mercy on us when we look the other way.**

**Give us the courage to live your call**

**and let your love shine through us into the world.**

† 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.**

Anthem: Purest and Highest.....C. V. Stanford

Purest and highest, wisest and most just, there is no truth save only in thy trust, thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall, and bring through Christ to him for whom are all. Eternal Glory, all men thee adore who art shalt be worshiped evermore. Us whom thou makest, comfort with thy might; and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Beth Howard

**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 37:1-4, 12-24

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn No. 688: God, That Madest Earth and Heaven.....Ar Hyd Y Nos

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Sibling Rivalry .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

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: There is a Balm in Gilead..... William Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole; to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you can’t preach like Peter, if you can’t pray like Paul, then go and tell your neighbor, “He died to save us all.”

† 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: O God Who Shaped Creation .....Aurelia

**O God who shaped creation at earth’s chaotic dawn,  
your word of power was spoken, and lo! The dark was gone!  
You framed us in your image, you brought us into birth,  
you blessed our infant footsteps and shared your splendored earth.**

**O God with pain and anguish a mother sees her child  
embark on dead-end pathways, alluring, but defiled;  
so too your heart is broken when hate and lust increase,  
when worlds you birthed and nurtured spurn ways that lead to  
peace.**

**Although your heart is broken when people scorn your ways,  
you never cease your searching through evil’s darksome maze;  
and when we cease our running, your joys, O God, abound  
like joy of searching woman when treasured coin is found.**

**O God, when trinkets tarnish and pleasures lose their charm,  
when, wearied by our wandering, we seek your opened arm,  
with motherlike compassion you share your warm embrace;  
you set for us a banquet and heal us through your grace.**

**In mercy and compassion your goodness is revealed;  
with tenderness you touch us, and broken hearts are healed.  
You claim us as your children, you strip our prideful shame;  
with freedom born of mercy we bless your holy name!**

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake, O Sleeper, Vs. 5 (all sing).....Amazing Grace

**For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife,  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ will give you life.**

Voluntary: Toccata on “The Church’s One Foundation ..... Robert Hobby

*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.*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of the baptism of Cosmo Coker England  
by his parents, Matthew and Sarah England  
and by his grandmother, Lynne Coker.

Cosmo Coker England, son of Matt and Sarah England,  
was presented for baptism at the early service today.

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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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Liturgy by Matthew Phelps

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

Bulletin Cover: "Joseph's Brothers Throw Him into the Pit," a painting by contemporary Israeli Jewish artist, Yoram Raanan.



#### **VOLUNTEER WITH OUR SPOTLIGHT ORGANIZATION**

Our Church chooses a "Spotlight Organization" to give a sizable grant from our Outreach Ministries. The Villages of Glencliff is in the second year for this grant. As a church, we commit our time and funds to this organization throughout the year. Kay Gray is managing our volunteers for Glencliff, and she has given those volunteers the nickname "village people"!

The first volunteer opportunity for this year is to be "a village person for a VIP." The VIPs are the residents who are there on short medical respite. This task is solely for friendship: you will receive the name and contacts for your VIP and you may send a card, call them, and if willing, a short visit. Volunteers will be given guidance and, since the VIP will be leaving the Village within 2 months, the village person volunteer will have a definite end time for the commitment. There are ten residents so we would be happy for 10 "village people" here at West End to step up now at [westendumc.org/glencliff](http://westendumc.org/glencliff).

#### **INTERESTED IN JOINING WEST END?**

Our next 4-week membership class will begin TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in McWhirter Hall. No registration is required. For more information, contact Erin Racine at [eracine@westendumc.org](mailto:eracine@westendumc.org).

#### **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 can help with preparation during the week and/or set up and clean up on Sundays, contact Ashley Darling at [ashleyjdarling@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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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