

## 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: O Light Everlasting ..... Jean Pasquet

† 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.**

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 Cosmo Coker to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Cosmo Coker, 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 Illumination.....Brant Phillips  
**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.**

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: Jubilate Deo ..... John Ireland  
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. (Psalm 100)

† 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.**



# WEST END

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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,  
is presented for baptism 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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Liturgy by Matthew Phelps.

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

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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