

GATHERING

Voluntary: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide YouJohn Behnke

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: Come Ye That Love the Lord Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 662: Stand Up and Bless the Lord St. Michael

† Call to Worship Nancy Parker
Liturgist: *Praise be to God!*
People: **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed us.**
Liturgist: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*
People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Holy God,
like the Israelites in the wilderness, we get tired.
We turn to complaining and grumbling.
We forget the amazing things you have done for us.
We forget the ways you are present among us.
We would rather go back to bondage and suffer injustice than take the harder path toward freedom.
Forgive us, O God.
Help us to move forward in your love, your grace, and your justice.

† 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: Hear My Words Stephen Paulus
Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be.
Hear my cry my King my God, I will make my prayer to thee.
With the morning light O Lord, I will make my voice arise, and expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.
Thou art holy O my God, thou delightest not in sin, evil shall not dwell with me, nor the proud thy favor win.

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 Dodds Bishop 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, Dodds Bishop, 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..... Connor Harris
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: Numbers 14:1-11

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

† Hymn *TFWS* No. 2238: In the Midst of New Dimensions...New Dimensions

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Trusting God in the WildernessCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church James Sewell

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: Awake the Harp (from The Creation)..... F. J. Haydn
Awake the harp, the lyre awake, and let your joyful song resound.
Rejoice in the Lord, the mighty God. For He both heaven and earth has clothed in stately dress.

† 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. 127 Cwm Rhondda
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With us Lord Tallis Canon
Go with us Lord and guide our way through this and every coming day, That in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Voluntary: Prelude on “God of Grace and God of Glory” Paul Manz

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 and to honor the baptism of Margaret Elizabeth Riebeling by her grandparents Bruce and Kelly Brandes.

Dodds Bishop Dunham, son of Ethan and Christie Dunham, is presented for baptism today.

Margaret Elizabeth Riebeling, daughter of Michael and EmilyGrace Riebeling, was presented for baptism at the early service 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 Maggie Jarrell.

Bulletin Cover Art: “Moses addressing the Children of Israel in the Wilderness,” or “The Parting of the Red Sea,” drawn in pencil around 1835, by the Swiss artist, John James Chalon, working in England.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir, Joy Ringers, and Youth Vocal Ensemble. Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.



ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND JAZZ MASS

Our annual Pancake Supper and Jazz Mass will be Tuesday, February 21. We will gather in McWhirter Hall for some delicious pancakes and all the fixings from 5-6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., we will move to our Sanctuary for a unique worship opportunity complete with beads, masks and other Mardi Gras trimmings. All are welcome, but please RSVP for the Pancake Supper at westendumc.org/pancakesupper by February 14.

BIBLE THRU THE YEAR LARGE GROUP GATHERING AND POTLUCK

Our first large gathering will be on Sunday, February 26, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. This first gathering will be a good, old fashioned potluck dinner! The church will provide the meat and drinks, and we ask participants to sign up to bring a salad, side dish or a dessert. Please RSVP at westendumc.org/largegrouppotluck by February 20. If you would rather not participate in the potluck, please RSVP anyway to let us know you'll be there. We want to make sure we have enough space and supplies. We will gather at 5 p.m. to eat, and the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Part of our time together will be spent in conversation around our tables, so be sure and bring your thoughts and questions with you.

JOIN US IN BEAUTIFUL GUATEMALA

We will be going to Guatemala this upcoming May 27 - June 4. We have spots available on both the medical and stove building crews. If you are interested, please visit westendumc.org/Guatemala and let us know by February 15.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. To find out more about criteria and download applications, visit westendumc.org/scholarships.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Our Great Day of Service is Saturday, March 4 at The Village at Glenclyff. Visit westendumc.org/gdos to find out more and sign up!

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.

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.

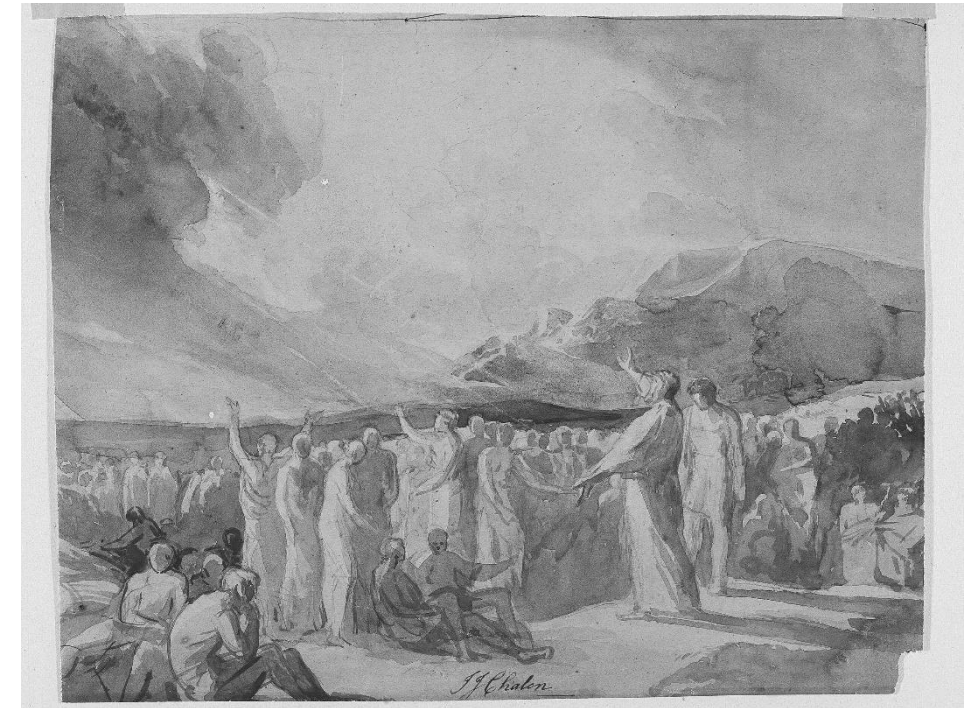


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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

February 12, 2023 at Eleven o'clock
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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