

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andante Sostenuto (from *Symphonie Gothique*) C. M. Widor

Welcome Carol 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: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee Georg Neumark

† Processional Hymn No. 173: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies ... Ratisbon

† Call to Worship Frances Merritt

Liturgist: God's love has been poured into our hearts.

People: **This is the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Liturgist: We trust in God's overflowing grace.

People: **Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, you know who we are.

You know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

**Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again.**

† 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

Lenten Prayer for Illumination.....Harrison Wilson

**Holy God, as we turn to the scriptures, open our hearts and minds
that we might encounter you in the person of Jesus Christ. Be with
us as the word is read and proclaimed, that we might know you
more fully and follow you more faithfully.**

A lesson from the Gospel: John 4:5-19, 25-30, 39

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Jesus at the Well 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: Requests.....Anthony Caesar

I asked for Peace – my sins arose, and bound me close;

I could not find release.

I asked for Truth – my doubts came in, and with their din

they wearied all my youth.

I asked for Love – my lovers failed, and griefs assailed

around, beneath, above.

I asked for Thee – and Thou didst come to take me home

within my heart to be.

Digby Mackworth Dolben (1848-1867)

† 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. 292: What Wondrous Love is This Wondrous Love

† Benediction

† Lenten Benediction Response: Tallis Canon

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
Where meeting Christ our guide and light, we'll live in hope 'til Easter day.**

Voluntary: Chromatic Fugue.....Johann Pachelbel

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!

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Wilhelmina Grace Brandes will be presented for baptism at the 11 o'clock service today.

The altar flowers are given today in celebration of the baptism of Wilhelmina Grace Brandes and in memory of her late grandparents Peggy Faye Turner and Colonel William Frederick Brandes by her grandparents, Jan Lewis Brandes and Brent Aleshire Soper.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Wells Everett Bach on January 28th to Jenny and Kevin Bach. He is also welcomed by sister Madeline.

The call to worship and prayer of confession are adapted from the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion for the third Sunday in Lent., year A volume 1.

Bulletin Cover: "The Samaritan Woman and Jesus," by Bhanu Dudhat, who was born in 1949 into a poor family in rural India. His passion for art began at an early age, and although his life has not been an easy one, he has become one of the best known artists in India.

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

Today's Music: The author of our recessional hymn, "What Wondrous Love is This," remains anonymous, but it's known as a traditional American folk song, first published in 1811. The text has remained basically untouched since it was first made popular by the Sacred Harp shape singers in 1844. Some hymnals leave out the stanza: "When I was sinking down," and others include a verse that repeats the first verse with the last two lines "That Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul -What wondrous love is this, O my soul!"



NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES MARCH 15

Encounter, Children's Choirs and Wednesday Night Dinner will take a break this week, but will return next Wednesday, March 22.

JOIN US MARCH 22 FOR SUPPER AND STORYTELLING

As part of celebration of our 150th year, we are excited about a very special event on Wednesday, March 22. Join us in the 4th Story Theater at 6 p.m. to hear members of the West End family tell stories from days recent and long past. People of all ages will be sharing, and it will be a fun night of celebration for all of us. If you'd like to gather for supper beforehand, you can RSVP at westendumc.org/wedsdinner. Come join the fun!

LENTEN NOON CONCERTS CONTINUE MARCH 16

Our Lenten Noon Concert Series continues with guest organist, Jonathan Rudy. Jonathan's program will include music of Mozart, Bach, and Healey Willan. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon, and admission to all concerts is free. Following the concert, lunch is available at 12:30 p.m. in McWhirter Hall for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts or call the church at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

CHORAL CONCERT - PASSION OF ST MARK

Hear the story of Christ's passion in a dramatic piece of music by composer Charles Wood featuring our Chancel Choir on Sunday March 26 at 4:30 p.m. Rarely performed in the US, this will be a moving experience.

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. The deadline is Wednesday, March 15.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

VBS is June 12-15 this year 5-7pm. Children 3 years old by June through rising 5th grade are invited to join us for Hero Central VBS this summer! Cost is \$10 per child and includes a snack supper each evening. Register at westendumc.org/vbs2023. Youth and adult volunteers are needed for VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maggie Jarrell mjarrell@westendumc.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, APRIL 1 AT 9:45 AM

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 1st! We'll have snacks, crafts, hear the Easter Story, and hunt eggs! All ages are welcome. We need volunteers to help hide eggs at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. If you are willing to help, please contact Maggie Jarrell mjarrell@westendumc.org.

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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March 12, 2023 at Eight Forty-five
Third Sunday in Lent



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