

## GATHERING

Voluntary: “In the Church” from Country Pictures ..... Vassily Brandt  
An Overture and Finale .....Ronald LoPresti  
Locus Iste.....Anton Bruckner (arr. Greig)  
Ave Verum.....William Byrd (arr. Greig)

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: Never Further Than Thy Cross..... Orlando Gibbons

† Processional Hymn No: 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing .....Azmon  
(Verses 1-5, and 7)

† Call to Worship .....Maggie Jarrell  
Liturgist: *We are pilgrims on the way to the cross.*  
People: **We are learning to follow Jesus.**  
Liturgist: *On this Lenten journey, where do we find God’s presence among .  
us?*  
People: **We find God in ordinary moments of extraordinary love.**  
Liturgist: *Come, let us worship God!*  
People: **We come to worship the God of love and salvation.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**O God of miracles and mighty deeds, we acknowledge  
your healing and comforting presence in our lives.  
We confess that we are drawn toward certainty  
rather than faith.  
Open our hearts to a new way of being.  
Send your anointing,  
and grant us fresh insight for spiritual breakthroughs.  
Shine the light of your truth into our relationships,  
and grant us victory over every secret and shame.  
We thank you for the many ways you heal and renew our lives.**

† 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: If Ye Love Me ..... Philip Wilby  
If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father, and  
he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide in you forever;  
e’en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him for he dwelleth with you,  
and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.  
(John 14:15-18)

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lenten Prayer for Illumination ..... Anita Schmid  
**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. Amen.**

A lesson from the Gospel: John 9:1-17, 35-38

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

† Hymn No. 357: Just as I Am, Without One Plea..... Woodworth

Children’s Moment

Sermon: The One Who Sees ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith..... No. 883  
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....William Miller

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.**

Ministry Moment: Restoration Pointe ..... Bobby Lee Smith

Offertory: My God, I Love Thee ..... Charles Wood  
My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet  
because who love Thee not are lost eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou  
didst me upon the Cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear  
and manifold disgrace.

And griefs and torments numberless, and sweat of agony; Yea, death  
itself; and all for me who wast Thine enemy. Then why, most loving  
Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well, not for the sake of winning  
Heaven, or of escaping Hell.

Not from the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as  
Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord? So do I love Thee, and  
will love, who such a love hast showed, only because Thou art my  
King, because Thou art my God. (from Passion According to St. Mark)

† 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. 378: Amazing Grace .....Amazing Grace

† 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: .....Maurice Duruflé  
Fugue on the Theme of the Carillon of the Hours of Soissons Cathedral

*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.

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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The altar flowers are provided with love in memory of Barbara and Bill Richards by Gary and Barbara Richards Haugen.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Walker "Harris" Dale on March 1<sup>st</sup> to Caroline and Aaron Dale. He is welcomed also by siblings, Hawkins and Evie Clare Dale.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Carter Ruth Donald on March 11<sup>th</sup> to Rebecca and Chris Donald. She is welcomed also by sister, Wesley Grace Donald.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are by Junius Dotson, *The Africana Worship Book, Year A*, edited by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua (Discipleship Resources, 2006), 141.

Bulletin Cover: "Jesus cures the man born blind," by Jesus Mafa. Over a period of time a Christian group in Cameroon acted out scenes from the New Testament, and then they decided to preserve those scenes in art. This is among a number of pieces produced by them in 1973.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Belmont Trumpet Ensemble, Joel Treybig, conductor.

Today's Music: John Newton was ordained for ministry in the Church of England in the early 1760s, and in 1779, collaborated with William Cowper to publish *The Olney Hymns*, one of which was the now famous "Amazing Grace." Originally titled "Faith's Review and Expectations," Newton's hymn included six stanzas. Most hymnals today use the first four stanzas from Newton's text, as well as a fifth anonymous stanza first found in *A Collection of Sacred Ballads* (1790) and sung along with Newton's text ever since.



### 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](http://westendumc.org/wedsdinner). Come join the fun!

### LENTEN NOON CONCERTS CONTINUE MARCH 23

Our Lenten Noon Concert Series continues with a solo piano recital from Matt Phelps. 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](http://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.

### VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

### WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at [westendumc.org/give](http://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.

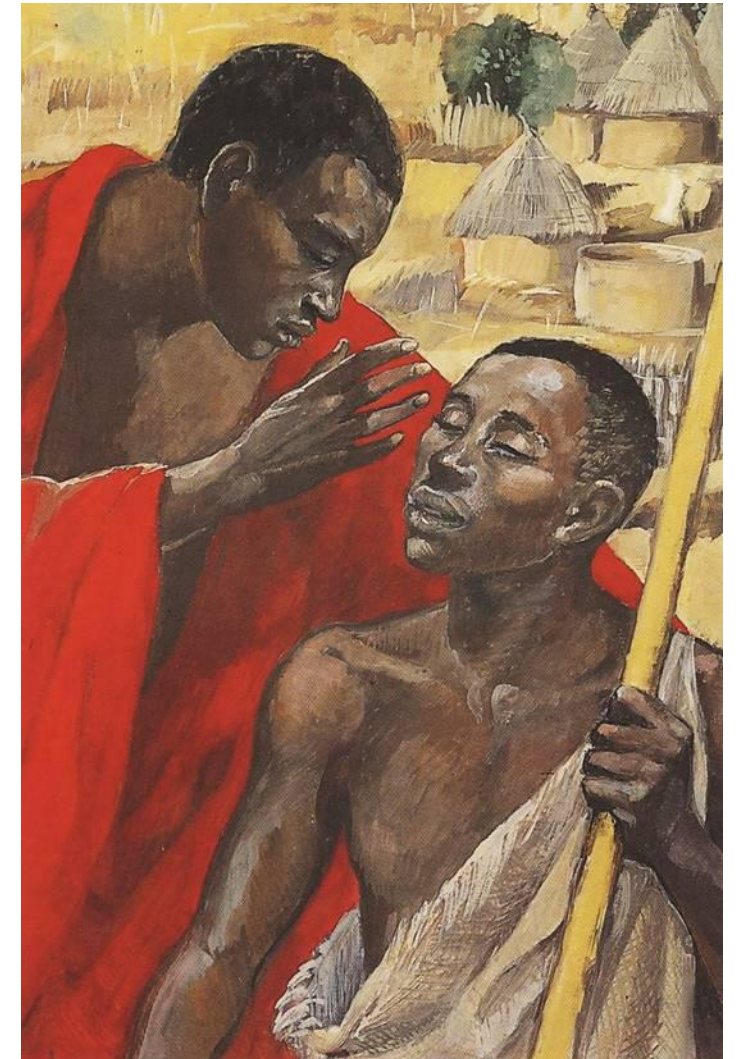


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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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