LENTEN CONCERT SERIES March 30, 2023 • 12 Noon

Hannah Cruse, organ

Fantasie sopra "Von Gott will ich nicht lassen" ("I shall not abandon God, for God does not abandon me")

Bert Matter (b. 1937)

Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes

I. Bryn Calfaria

II. Rhosymedre

III. Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Psalm Prelude, Op. 32 No. 3

"Yea, I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Litanies Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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Hannah Cruse believes in the power of music to change lives. Because of this fundamental belief, she constantly studies, promotes and performs sacred music. In 2019, she created an online platform called *The Church Musician's Assistant* to teach skills, inspire creativity, and encourage church musicians in a widely accessible, practical way. These resources can be found on YouTube, Facebook, or *The Church Musician's Assistant* website. Cruse currently works as the music director and organist at First Presbyterian Church in Clarksville, TN. Previously, she worked various music positions at churches including West Plano Presbyterian (Plano, TX), Northridge Presbyterian Church (Dallas, TX), and Epiphany Episcopal Church (Richardson, Texas). Cruse has published articles with *Sing! The Center for Congregational Song, The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology* and the United Methodist Church's *History of Hymns* website. In a world full of hate, fear, and suffering, Cruse strives to impart love, acceptance, and peace through the art of music.

Holy Week at West End UMC

Palm Sunday Worship • April 2 at 8:45 and 11 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service • April 6 at 7 p.m. Good Friday Service at West End • April 7 at Noon Seven Last Words, Good Friday Service at Gordon Memorial UMC • April 7 at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday • April 9 at 6:30, 8:45 and 11 a.m.

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