

GATHERING

Voluntary: The Celestial BanquetOliver Messiaen

Welcome.....Maggie Jarrell

Introit: O Lamb of God Most Holy Nikolaus Decius
O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer, and patient still
and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer; Our sins by You were taken,
or hope had us forsaken: Have mercy on us, Jesus!

† Processional Hymn No. 289: Ah, Holy Jesus.....Herzliebster Jesu

† Call to Worship.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: We gather with the dirt of the day on our hands, our feet,
and our hearts.

People: **We come in need of a Savior.**

Liturgist: We gather with the disciples, preparing to come to the
table, yet surprised once again by the actions of Jesus.

People: **We come with our expectations only to be astonished by
love.**

Liturgist: We gather at the basin to be washed and at the table to be
fed, in body and in spirit.

People: **We come to receive a new commandment.**

Liturgist: We gather in awe of the grace demonstrated in Jesus'
kneeling to serve.

People: **We come seeking the grace to love one another as
Christ loves us.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

† 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!**
Glory to God. Amen.

† Canticle of God's Glory, No. 82..... Old Scottish Chant

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)..... Elizabeth Cambron

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: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: Love in Action..... Maggie Jarrell

Call for the Offering:..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

Offertory: Ubi Caritas.....Maurice Duruflé

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered
us together. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere
heart let us love one another. Amen. (Traditional Latin Prayer)

† 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.

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus (*all shall sing*).....Hymnal page no. 28

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of thy
Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

Prayer of Remembrance

Celebrant: We offer ourselves in vulnerability and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering
for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration

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.

Agnus DeiHymnal page no. 30

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

Hymn during Communion No. 290: Go to Dark GethsemaneRedhead

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

People: Now we give ourselves for others.

Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;

People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;

People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

Stripping of the Chancel

Anthem during the Stripping of the Chancel:..... Bob Chilcott
God So Loved the World

Depart in Silence

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*



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 everyone: every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status, ethnicity, and mental and physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

The Good Friday service tomorrow at noon will be held in-person and streamed live from the West End Sanctuary and available later in the day on our Facebook page and our website.

An additional Good Friday Service of The Seven Last Words will be held tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. at Gordon Memorial UMC.
2334 Herman Street, Nashville, 37208

Easter Sunrise Service will be held in-person at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday in the West End UMC Cloister Garden.

Easter Sunday services will be held in-person and streamed live at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. from the Sanctuary.

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Tonight's communion offering benefits our special Lent offering for Restoration Pointe. The general offering benefits West End's General Fund.

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Music Participants: The Chancel and Sanctuary Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, organist-director. Andrew Risinger is organist and conducting during the Stripping of the Altar. Patricia Cullum, soprano.

Maundy Thursday



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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