

GATHERING

Voluntary J. S. Bach
Lord Jesus Christ, Now Turn to Us, BWV 709

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 that we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Come Ye That Love the Lord Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No: 66:Lauda Anima
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† Call to Worship Stacey Harwell-Dye
Liturgist: *When rulers of the earth betray and disappoint,*
People: God's Spirit guides and sustains us.
Liturgist: *When we turn away and fall short of God's call,*
People: Jesus Christ forgives and redeems us.
Liturgist: *Let us place our trust and hope in God alone.*
People: Let us worship the One who leads us with wisdom and strength!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
O God our Maker,
forgive us when we try to make you in our image;
forgive us when we turn to human rulers
for the wisdom and strength
you have already shown us.
Fulfill your purpose in us
so that we may be your people;
heirs of your mercy and grace,
and subjects of your reign.

† 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: You Shall Have a Song.....Z. Randall Stroope
You shall have a song and gladness of heart. You shall have a song as ... in the night when a holy solemnity is kept. As dew from the heaven falls and nourishes the earth, we sing, "Holy, holy, holy!" Now the sunrise with its streaming ray of righteousness, and the earth in accord, singing, "Holy, holy, holy!"
(Adapted from Isaiah 30:29)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Irwin Fisher
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 Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8:4-9

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

† Hymn No. 436: The Voice of God Is Calling..... Meirionydd

Children's Moment

Sermon: Careful What You Wish For..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Shannon Baxter

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: Duet and Chorus (from Messiah)G. F. Handel
O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

† Doxology.....No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 670: Go Forth for God.....Geneva

† Benediction

† Benediction Response:Alleluia no. 1
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to God's name.

Voluntary: Psalm-Prelude, Set 2, no. 3..... Herbert Howells
"Sing unto Him a new song: play skillfully with a loud noise."
(Psalm 33:2)

The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† The congregation is invited to 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 provided by Buddy and Ellen Koonce are offered as a prayer for the safety of all children and in the hope that our leaders will make wise decisions toward greater gun safety in our communities.

Barbara Kyle Akins, daughter of James and Betsy Akins, was presented for baptism today at the 8:45 service.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Grant Dallas Weiner born Monday, April 17th to Jeff and Stephanie Weiner. He is welcomed by his brother Michael Weiner.

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The liturgy was written by Erin Racine.

Bulletin Cover Art: "Samuel Addressing the People, I Sam. viii.10-18" drawn by Charles Joseph Staniland (1838-1916), a British artist, trained at several art schools and eventually admitted to the Royal Academy. He was a prolific painter and illustrator, mainly for a number of newspapers and magazines. This is one of his rare biblically-themed illustrations.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is the director and assists at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Rachel Asmus, alto. Chase Lowery, tenor.

Today's Music: LAUDA ANIMA, the name of the tune for our opening hymn today, is Latin for the opening words "Praise, my soul." It was written by John Goss in 1868 for Lyte's text, "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven." A reviewer for the 1869 *Musical Times* wrote, "It is at once the most beautiful and dignified hymn tune which has lately come under our notice" (*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*, 643). Paul Westermeyer writes, "It has been praised as one of the finest, if not the finest of the Victorian hymn tunes, and certainly one of the most satisfying for congregations" (*Westermeyer, Let the People Sing*, 243).

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.



Bible Thru The Year - Large Group Gathering

Our second large gathering for *Bible Thru the Year* will be tonight, April 30, from 5 - 7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. We will have a baked potato and salad bar for this gathering. 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.

The History of our Sanctuary Windows

As part of our yearlong celebration of our church's 150th Anniversary, join us on Sunday, May 7 for *Lunch and Learn with Heath Jones* to learn about the history and meaning in our beautiful sanctuary stained-glass windows. We will gather in the 4th Story Theater for a time of lunch together before Heath leads us in a presentation about our windows. After we learn about the families represented in the windows, the meanings of symbols chosen, and more, we will tour the Sanctuary to see the windows up close and in person in a whole new light. Lunch is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Please RSVP at westendumc.org/lunchandlearn to let us know you will be attending and eating lunch with us.

Service of Choral Evensong • Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir will sing a service of choral evensong in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m. Led by Andrew Risinger, conductor, and guest organist, Malcolm Matthews, the service will include music of Joseph Barnby, Herbert Howells, Paul Spicer, and Charles Wood. We invite everyone to join in this service of prayers sung and spoken...a time to forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.

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 Hotline VBS this summer! The cost is \$10 per child and includes a snack supper each evening. Youth and adult volunteers are needed for VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maggie Jarrell - mjarrell@westendumc.org Please register at westendumc.org/vbs2023.

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.



WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

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