

GATHERING

Voluntary: Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness, BMV 654..... J. S. Bach

Welcome Erin Racine

Please take a moment to record your online attendance in the link provided in the comment section. 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: Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread..... Day's Psalter

† Processional Hymn No. 64 Nicaea
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

† Call to Worship Derek Weber

Leader: Today we rejoice that the God of hope goes with us every day,

People: filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

Leader: May the God of justice speed us on our way,

People: bringing light and hope to every land and face.

Leader: Praying, let us work for peace;

People: singing, share our joy with all;

Leader: working for a world that's new,

People: faithful when we hear Christ's call.

† 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.

† 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.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



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 Esther 4:1-17

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: For Such a Time as This..... Erin Racine

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

The Offering

Offertory: We Will Rejoice G. F. Handel

We will rejoice in thy salvation and triumph in the name of the Lord our God. Alleluia.

† 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.

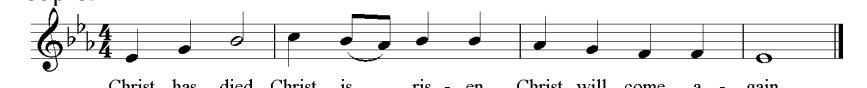
† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus



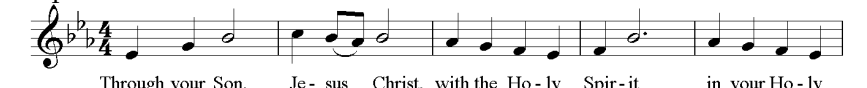
Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 368, 620, 614.

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.

SENDING FORTH

Prayer of Blessing for Rev. Erin Racine

† Recessional Hymn No. 383..... Beginnings
This is a Day of New Beginnings
(verses 1-4)

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake, O Sleeper (vs. 5) Amazing Grace
**For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ will give you life.**

Voluntary: Improvisation on “Beginnings” Matthew Phelps

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

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

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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*The altar flowers are given in memory of Sue Miller
by her husband, Bill, and daughters, Julie Leist and Jennifer Hoffman.*

*A rose on the table is given in memory of Helen James Long,
who would have been five years old on Monday, June 5th,
by her parents Emily and Joel Long.*

Today’s liturgy was adapted by Rev. Shannon Baxter from "Song of Hope" out of *The Faith We Sing* Hymn No. 2186.

Bulletin Cover: “Esther’s Gamble,” a painting by contemporary artist, James He Qi. He visited West End several months ago to give a lecture on his personal history and the ideas and styles he uses in his paintings that are all Biblical. We have often used his paintings for our bulletin covers.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Rising is organist-director and Matthew Phelps assists at the organ.

Today’s Music: Nicaea is John Dykes’s most sung tune; a perfect match for the romantic yet refined literary qualities of Heber’s hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” In naming the tune Nicaea, Dykes has cleverly interrelated its opening and reiterated triadic motif with the doctrine of the Trinity formulated at the Council of Nicaea, 325, and the subject of the hymn. (Carlton Young)

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” was written by United Methodist Hymnal editor and West End member Carlton “Sam” Young. Sam passed away on May 22, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. We sing this hymn today in honor of him, his service to West End, and his tireless work for the United Methodist Church.

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