

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Carillon and Bell Jubilee .....Margaret R. Tucker  
Celtic Dance on "Pleading Savior" ..... Sondra K. Tucker

Welcome ..... Shannon Baxter  
*Please take a moment to let us know you're here today by either filling out the attendance form in the pew or clicking on the attendance form online. If you're a first-time guest today, please share a way to connect so we can share more information about West End UMC with you!*

Introit: Make Me a Clean Heart.....G. Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 157 Jesus Shall Reign ..... Duke Street

† Call to Worship ..... Shannon Baxter  
Liturgist: *Creator God, you laid the foundation of the earth.*  
**People: We praise you for your amazing world!**  
Liturgist: *Holy God, the morning stars sing of your glory.*  
**People: Let us join the heavenly beings in praising your name!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**God of the whirlwind,**  
**we come this morning, like Job, with many questions.**  
**There is so much that we don't understand.**  
**There is so much that weighs heavily on our hearts.**  
**We look around your amazing creation and see pain and suffering.**  
**Forgive us for the ways that we have contributed to the hurts of others.**  
**Forgive us for the missed opportunities to come alongside your people and your creation.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we fail to see your work in the world.**  
**Forgive us for our participation in unjust systems.**  
**Open our hearts and minds to have compassion, and move our hands and feet to acts of mercy and justice.**  
**Help us to know that you hear our questions and frustrations and trust that you are with us always.**

† 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: The Lord is My Light ..... Craig Courtney  
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid? Though evil-doers assail me, when adversaries attack me, they stumble and fall.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army besiege me, though war break out against me, my heart will not fear.

One thing I ask, one think I see of the Lord: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble, He will hide me in His dwelling; and He will set me high upon a rock.

Then shall my head be exalted above my enemies round about me; I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. (Adapted from Psalm 27)

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Margo Jenkins  
**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 .....Job 38: 1, 4-38

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

Anthem: Bow Down Thine Ear.....Cesar Franck  
Bow down Thine ear, Oh Lord, hear me. I am poor and needy, for thou art good, Oh Lord, and ready to forgive us our many transgressions. Teach me Thy way, Lord, God, I will walk in Thy truth. Inline my heart to love Thy Name evermore. Holy Lord most merciful, save and redeem us, and be Thou forgiving, and plenteous in mercy, for thy most holy name's sake. Oh Lord my God, attend to the voice of my prayer and save thy servant. (Adapted from Psalm 86)

Children's Moment

Sermon: Things Beyond Our Understanding ..... Soren Hessler

† 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.**

The Offering

Offertory: There is a Balm in Gilead .....Mary McDonald  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
Just tell the love of Jesus and say He died for all.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

There is a balm in Gilead.

† 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. 534: Be Still, My Soul .....Finlandia

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia..... Jacques Berthier

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Voluntary: Rondeau.....Mouret, arr. Gardner  
*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.*

*The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God  
and in memory of Corliss Gisela Mueller by Dorothee Mueller and Brent Evans.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Cecilia Charlene Cumby  
who was born on June 1<sup>st</sup> to Joshua and Bri Cumby.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Maren Louise Smith-Tyge  
who was born on June 2 to Anna Gedman and Nate Smith-Tyge.  
She is welcomed also by big sister Grace.*

Rev. Soren M. Hessler, Ph.D., is Director of Recruitment and Admissions at Vanderbilt Divinity School where he also teaches courses in practical theology and United Methodist studies. He is an elder in full connection in the West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and an affiliate member of West End UMC. His research emerges at the intersections of theological education administration, interreligious studies, and Wesleyan studies. He is an active member of the board of the *Journal of Interreligious Studies* and teaches the required Introduction to Christianity course at Hebrew College’s Rabbinical School. Soren has held a variety of positions at theological schools in the United States and Canada and served for nine years on the ministry staff at Boston University’s Marsh Chapel.

This week’s liturgy was written by Maggie Jarrell.

Bulletin Cover: “The Lord answering Job out of the Whirlwind,” by William Blake (1757-1827), a British poet and artist and member of the Royal Academy. Blake’s prolific Biblical paintings reflect not only his imagination, but his religious focus, although he was against most forms of organized religion. He produced a number of paintings from Job.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist-director. Sarah Dunnevant and Patrick Dunnevant, soloists. One Voice High School Vocal Choir and High School Handbell Choir of Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville, KY. Daniel Blosser and Ben Williams, directors.

Today’s Music: “Be Still, My Soul” first appeared in *Neue Sammlung Geistlicher Lieder*, 1752. The hymn entered Methodist hymnals in 1935. The tune “Finlandia,” from Jean Silbelius’ famous tone poem of the same name, was adapted as the setting for this text in the 1933 hymnal of the Presbyterian Church, USA. (Carlton Young)

*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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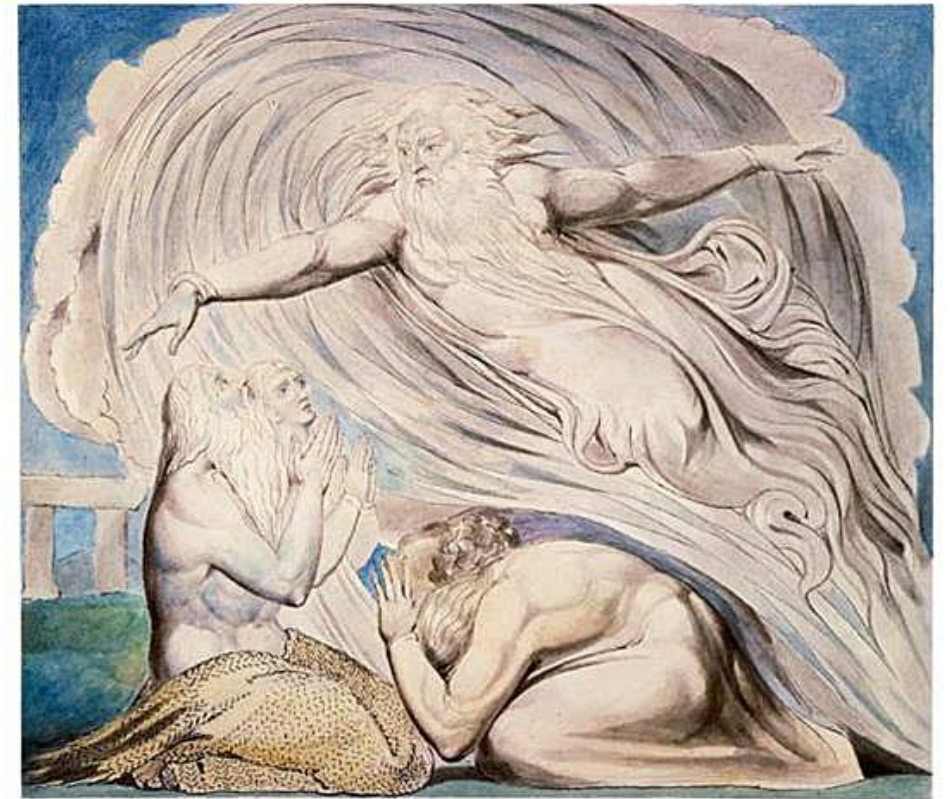
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