

GATHERING

Voluntary: Aria Flor Peeters

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon
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: Come, Ye That Love the Lord arr. Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 679 Wareham
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins
Liturgist: The Lord welcomes everyone without reservation or restrictions.
People: We are beloved. The love of God surrounds us.
Liturgist: The Lord heals our wounds with grace and mercy.
People: We are forgiven. The grace of Christ redeems us.
Liturgist: The Lord calls us to kindness and service.
People: We are one. We respond to God by offering generous hospitality, acceptance, and love to everyone.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Christ's love for us is unconditional and eternal, but we love others with reservations, demands, and selfishness.

Christ's forgiveness is immediate and infinite, but we forgive with condemnation, reluctance, and resentment.

We are self-righteous when we should be compassionate, self-important when we should be humble, self-centered when we should be generous.

Lord, deliver us from our self-obsessions. Allow us to rediscover love and peace in the healing presence of your grace.

† 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination James Sewell

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.

Lessons from the Old Testament Song of Songs 2:10-13

Proverbs 2:1-8

Ecclesiastes 9:7-11

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sermon: Learning to Lean Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Offertory: Set Me as a Seal..... Samuel Burke
Set me as a seal upon thine heart. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it; for love is strong as death.
(Song of Songs 8:6,7)

† 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

Welcoming a New Member

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: *Family of God, Molly is now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

† Recessional Hymn No. 577.....Cwm Rhondda
God of Grace and God of Glory

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Land of Rest
Together Met, Together Bound
**Together met, together bound, we go our different ways,
that as his people in the world, we live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Grand Choeur..... Theodore Salome
*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 recordings happen during our church services and worship events. To view these recordings, please visit our website:
livestream.com/westendumc*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the family of Neil and Ann Lambert in loving memory of their parents and grandparents,
Don and Betty Lambert and Robert and Charlotte McKnight.*

This week's liturgy was written by Jayme Yao.

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

Today's Music: Harry E. Fosdick was a well-known and controversial preacher in the early twentieth century. After Fosdick left his position at one church, John D. Rockefeller asked him to become pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church in New York City, but Fosdick thought the church was too wealthy and agreed only on condition that a new church would be built in a less fashionable place. The site selected for Riverside Church was on the banks of the Hudson, not far from Harlem. Fosdick wrote, "God of Grace and God of Glory," at his summer home in Maine in 1930 for the opening service of Riverside Church that fall. It was sung as the processional hymn for that service on October 5th and again at the dedication service on February 8, 1931. The first publication was in *Praise and Service* by H. Augustine Smith in 1932.

Bulletin Cover: "Tree of Wisdom," a painting by contemporary artist Laura Teti. Ms. Teti earned a BFA degree at Arcadia University and is a resident of New Jersey. She has written of her work, "I have always been inspired by the beauty in nature and the impact it can have on human emotion."

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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