

**GATHERING**

Voluntary: Aria ..... Charles Callahan

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

Introit: Day by Day ..... Harold Friedell

† Processional *TFWS* Hymn No. 2001.....Darwall’s 148<sup>th</sup>  
We Sing to You, O God

† Call to Worship ..... Kay Gray  
*Liturgist: Before we are formed, God knows us and calls us.*  
**People: Lord God, we give you thanks!**  
*Liturgist: Let that knowledge fill our hearts and bring us joy.*  
**People: It is with joy that we offer our lives in service to God, trusting in God's grace!**  
**All: Lord God, we give you thanks!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**  
**All people are your beloved, O God, yet sometimes we hide our eyes from that truth. Selective blindness causes us to doubt ourselves and to look down on others. We forget that Jesus Christ came to redeem all, and we have lived with walls around our hearts and our homes. We doubt the work God does to perfect this world and all its inhabitants and doubt the part each of us plays in creating beloved community. Forgive us Lord for our blindness, both out of ignorance and intention. Open our hearts to the beauty of a unified call to make you known.**

† 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 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  
**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 ..... Shara Parker  
**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 .....Jeremiah 1: 4-10

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

† Hymn No. 141 .....Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara  
Children of the Heavenly Father

Children’s Moment

Sermon: An Unpopular Prophet ..... 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 and Concerns of the Church .....Will McLeane

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 ..... Tom Fettke  
“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”  
When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him.  
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia!  
*(Linda Lee Johnson, based on Psalm 8)*

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. 378.....Amazing Grace  
Amazing Grace

† Benediction

† Benediction Response ..... Spirit of the Living God  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Voluntary ..... Josef Rheinberger  
Pastorale, Con Moto from Sonata no. 3

*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.*

**ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

*The altar flowers are given by the Sunny Day Club  
in honor of our present members and volunteers  
as well as those who have gone before us.  
The Sunny Day Club is beginning its tenth year  
of providing respite care and is seeking new members and volunteers.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Ruby Iris Page  
who was born on July 4th to Hannah Fletcher-Page and Daniel Page.  
She is welcomed also by big sister Penelope.*

*Wells Everett Bach, son of Kevin and Jenny Back,  
was presented for baptism today at the 8:45 service.*

*Today's liturgy was written/adapted by Shannon Baxter.*

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**Music Participants:** The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is the director and assists at the organ. Andrew Risinger is the organist/accompanist.

**Today's Music:** The tune for our processional hymn, "Darwall's 148th," first appeared in Aaron Williams' *The New Universal Psalmody*, 1770, where it was set to a paraphrase of Psalm 148. In 19th century British hymnals, it was used with "Ye Holy Angels Bright," and in our hymnals it became identified with "Rejoice the Lord is King." "We Sing to You, O God" is by Luther Seminary faculty member Gracia Grindal. (Carlton Young)

Today's Offertory, "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name," was purchased for the glory of God and in honor of Betty Dobson's 102nd birthday by Jean and Bill Farris, Lil and Al Macauley, Matt and Ann Dobson, and Cora Dobson.



*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.*

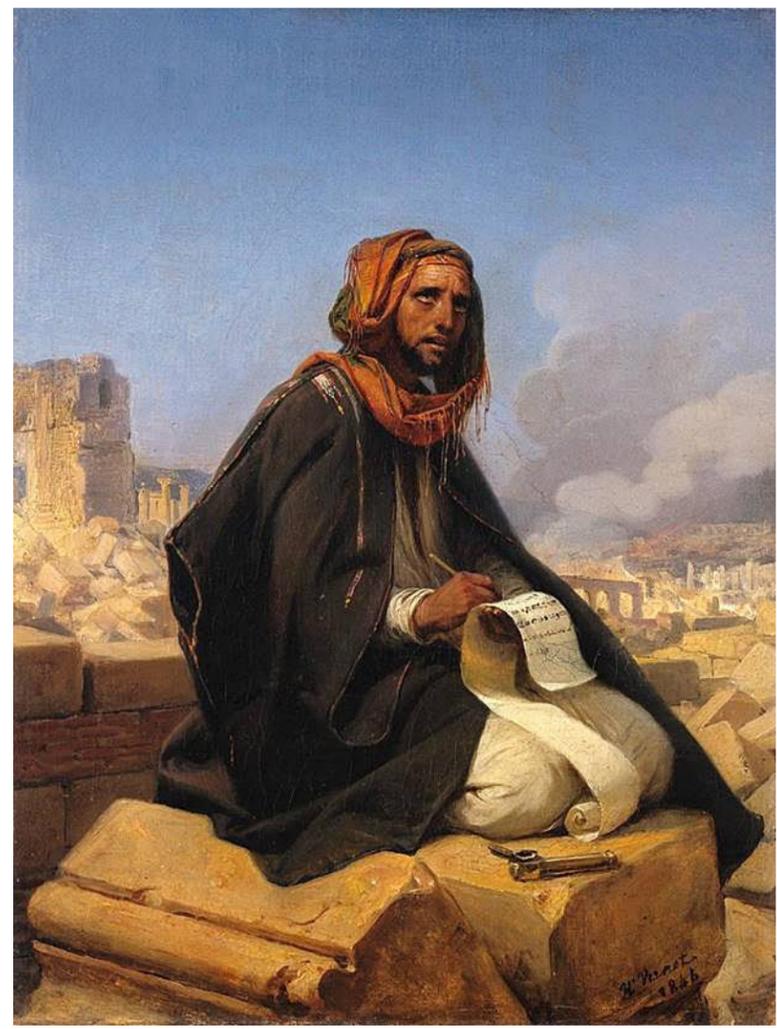
*We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender identity, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability.*

*We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!*

**Bulletin Cover:** "Jeremiah on the Ruins of Jerusalem," painted in 1844 by the French artist, Émile Jean-Horace Vernet. Vernet's father and grandfather had also been artists.

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