### **GATHERING**

Voluntary: All Glory Be to God, on High, BWV 675 ...... J. S. Bach Welcome......Will McLeane 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! † Processional Hymn No. 185 .....Laudes Domini When Morning Gilds the Skies † Call to Worship ...... Emily Robbins *Liturgist:* Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. People: *Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;* Liturgist: People: tell of God's salvation every day. † Call to Confession † Prayer of Confession (in unison) God of Living Waters, we have hope that one day Ezekiel's vision of water and new life will come true. But we also know that we have a long way to go to get there. Forgive us for the ways we have harmed your creation. Forgive us for the ways we have harmed our neighbors. Forgive us for the ways we have rebelled against your love. Forgive us, O God, and help us forgive. Turn our hard hearts into hearts of flesh. May we be people of love, mercy, and justice. † 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! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! People:

Glory to God. Amen.

All:

Passing the Peace As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us Liturgist: exchange signs of reconciliation and love. *The peace of Christ be with you.* And also with you. People: 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. The Sacrament of Baptism Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care? With God's help, we will proclaim the good People: news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness so that she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life. Thanksgiving Over the Water Commendation and Welcome Members of the household of God, I commend Liturgist: *Virginia Douglass to your love and care.* Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love. We give thanks for all that God has already People: given you, Virginia Douglass, 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.

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sigh: with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

	Prayer for IlluminationSavannah Bakker 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 Ezekiel 47:1-12
	Response to the Lesson  Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.  People: Thanks be to God.
-	Hymn No. 508 For the Bread Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom
	Children's Moment
	Sermon: Everything Will LiveWill McLean
-	Affirmation of Faith
	Joys and Concerns of the ChurchStacey Harwell-Dy
	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: My Eyes for Beauty Pine ....... Herbert Howells My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace; no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

#### **SENDING FORTH**

- † Recessional Hymn *TFWS\** No. 2008 ...... The Ash Grove Let All Things Now Living
- † 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 shall give you life.

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

\* The Faith We Sing (Pew Edition)

Benediction



# **ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

Livestreams and videorecording happen during our church and worship events.

The altar flowers are provided by a church family in honor of Andrew Risinger in appreciation for his great music and many years of dedication and service.

Virginia Douglass Tucker, daughter of Kara and Harrison Tucker, is presented for baptism today.

Today's liturgy was written/adapted by Maggie Jarrell from Psalm 96.

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**Bulletin Cover Art**: "The Mighty River of Ezekiel 47," an unattributed contemporary painting found on the Dwelling in the Word website.

**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 Ash Grove," the tune name for our recessional hymn, is a tradition Welsh folk song that has been used for numerous hymn texts. It was first published in 1802, though it may be much older—a similar tune having appeared in John Gay's "The Beggars Opera" (1728). "Let All Things Now Living" by Katherine K. Davis is the most famous text associated with this tune.

Everyone is welcome at West End!

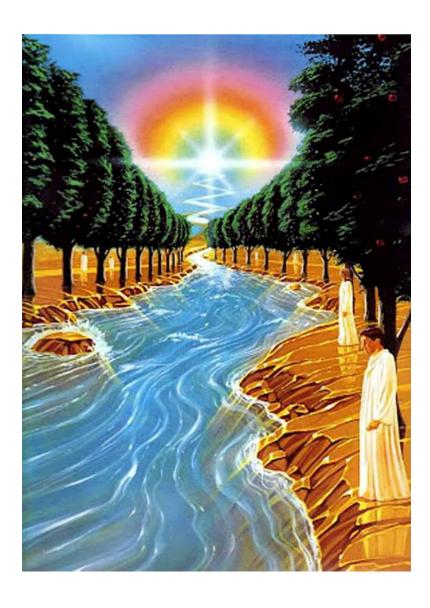
We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity.

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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