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WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 13, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: These Are the Holy Ten Commandments, BWV 678 J. S. Bach

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 visiting westendumc.org/attendance.

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: Make Me A Clean Heart..... G. Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 203: Hail to the Lord's Anointed Ellacombe

† Call to Worship Molly Borneman

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of All Creation,

your prophets called us to live lives of repentance and justice.

Their voices offer hope to oppressed people and call out the oppressors.

Help us to have ears to hear their message.

Forgive us for our failings.

Forgive us for turning our backs on our neighbors.

Forgive us for the ways we have left others out.

Forgive us for the harm we cause, knowingly and unknowingly.

May we become more aware of the hurts of the world around us.

May we be agents of change for the building up of your kin-dom

here on earth, so that all will know your love, your justice, and your peace.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Do you love kids? Do you love Bible stories? Would you be willing to share the love of God with children? Then we would love to have you volunteer for children's ministry in the 2023-2024 school year! We need Sunday school teachers who serve 1-2 Sundays a month throughout the school year and Children's Church volunteers who serve one Sunday every other month (or more often if you like!) throughout the year.

Contact our Children's Pastor Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org for more information and to volunteer to share the loving light of Christ with West End kids!

2023 EGGSTRAVAGANZA ♦ YOUTH KICK OFF PARTY

Who will be our 2023 Champs? All YOUTH AND Parents are invited to join us Sunday, August 20 at 4:45 p.m. for a night full of fun, fellowship, food and messy egg competitions! Make sure to wear clothing that can get messy and wet and bring a towel for your ride home!! See you there and bring a friend!

Contact Emily Robbins for location info at erobbins@westendumc.org or 615.321.8500.

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

August 20 ♦ 9:45 a.m. ♦ Youth Game Room

Youth Parents: please come learn what we are up to this fall and see where you can help us support our youth ministry!

VILLAGE PERSON NEEDED

The Villages of Glencliff, a mission our church supports, is the "medical respite" - temporary housing for unhoused persons who have had surgery. A new female resident has settled in and we would like to provide a special friend ("a Village Person") to have regular contact with her through the mail, the phone and an occasional visit. They usually only stay 90 days. Please contact Kay Gray at 615.545.6987 or kgray510@gmail.com for more info and to volunteer.

AUGUST 20 IS PROMOTION AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us August 20 for Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks! Promotion Sunday is the day when all of our Sunday School children, 3 year olds through 6th grade, will promote to the next grade or class. The fun begins at 9:45 a.m. in McWhirter Hall. We will have a celebration for parents and kids, and then after kids go to their new classrooms, parents will stay for a parent meeting and fellowship time. Kids will have an opportunity to make new friends, learn about and experience Jesus' love, hear Bible stories that help us love God and one another in our world today.

Also as part of our preparations for the new school year, we will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks in 8:45 and 11 a.m. worship. This will be an opportunity for us to pray for kids as they go back to school. Students will be invited to bring their backpacks with them and come forward during the service. For more information, contact Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org.

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND YOUTH ENSEMBLE AND BELLS

It's time to register for the 2023/24 Children's Choir and Youth Ensemble and Bells. Visit westendumc.org/childrenschoir or westendumc.org/youthmusic to find out more!

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR CHURCH-WIDE FALL RETREAT

We are having a church-wide Fall Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly this September 15-17. Don't miss this intergenerational time of study, fellowship and fun. Space is limited, so register now at westendumc.org/fallretreat23.

AUGUST SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY CONTINUES TODAY

Join us this morning in the 4th Story Theater as West End member Tom Lee leads us through a study of Bishop Ken Carter's book, *Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life*. Bishop Carter's book shows us how to come together to embrace grace, seek holiness, and build meaningful connections to promote strength and healing. As we wrestle with the effects of the pandemic, social disruption, and conflicts, "Unrelenting Grace" offers guidance for stepping into the future as individuals and as a community of faith. As a special bonus, Bishop Carter will join us for the class on August 20!

† 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 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in Christian faith and life and include Maren Louise now before you in your care?

People: With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Maren Louise 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

Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Maren Louise 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, Maren Louise, 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.

† Musical Response No. 611, St. 1

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Anna Bigelow

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.....Malachi 4:1-6

Response to the Lesson

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

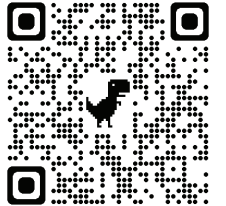
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church! 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, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Scan this QR Code or visit westendumc.org/links to register your attendance with us, find out more about our Sunday Morning Classes, sign up for our weekly email, and learn more about the different ways to give at West End.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

- ♦ Sympathies to the family and friends of David Kinnard as they mourn his passing on Saturday, August 5.
- ♦ **Surgery and Hospitalization:** Don Pierce, Becky McNamee, Cris Jarrell, Allie and Raney Schoen, Lucy Walker, Dean McIntyre, and Barbara Cragg
- ♦ **Prayer Requests:** Students, Teachers and Administrators going back to school, Russ Connell, Mike Fisher, Jane Weaver, Carol McSwiney, and Jewell McGhee-Rader

If you have an emergency and need to contact one of the Pastors after hours, please call 615.321.8500, Ext. 8853. The Pastor on Call for August 14-20 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.

To submit a prayer request, Visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

West End UMC announces a Request for Qualifications from artists for the commissioning of new work that offers diverse perspectives and understandings of God and the people of God, both historically and today, for the church's art collection. Artists must be local to the Nashville area. Black, Indigenous, People of Color and LGTBQ+ artists are especially encouraged to submit their portfolios. The deadline to submit your portfolio for consideration is August 31 at 11:59 p.m. Award details and submission instructions are available at westendumc.org/art-inclusion.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45 AM	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
9:45 AM	Summer Sunday School	Theater
9:45 AM	Sunday School Teacher Training	406
9:45 AM	Grigg Small Group	LL2
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Children's Church	Scales Chapel

Monday, August 14

11:00 AM	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
5:30 PM	Carroll Small Group	306
5:30 PM	SPRC Meeting	310

Tuesday, August 15

7:30 AM	Pastor's Morning Bible Study	310
1:30 PM	Creative Hands	305

Wednesday, August 16

5:00 PM	Mitchell Small Group	306
5:30 PM	Vanderbilt Wesley Board Meeting	310

WEST END UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Will McLeane *Pastor of Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Maggie Jarrell *Pastor of Children & Families*
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye
 *Pastor of Missions & Outreach*
Rev. Shannon Baxter
 *Pastor of Congregational Connection*
Rev. Aimee Baxter *Pastor of Young Adults*
Molly Borneman *Pastoral Fellow*
Matthew Phelps *Minister of Music*
Andrew Risinger *Associate Minister of Music*
Emily C. Robbins *Minister of Youth*
Melanie Paulson *Director, HR & Operations*
Shelley Kuhlmeier *Communications Director*
Lazaro Kapella *Church Financial Officer*

Jim Raver *Property Operations Manager*
Corye Nelson *Preschool Executive Director*
Christina Shoptaw *Preschool Operations Manager*
Cheryl Reeves *Preschool Curriculum Coordinator*
Karina Gurgenzidze *Childcare Coordinator*
Cindy Siemer *Senior Administrative Assistant*
Julie Catterton *Assistant to Senior Pastor*
Andrew Callis *Administrative Assistant*
Tosha Jackson *Receptionist*
Devon Bardo *Receptionist*
Chase Bencin *Media Coordinator*
Cin Tuang *Media Assistant*
Bob Hilton *Building Engineer*
Richard Thomas *Custodian*
Bethany DiSantis *Music Intern*

Sermon: The Persistence of God Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith No. 883

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 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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brant Phillips in celebration of the 58th wedding anniversary of his parents, Wade and DiAnne Phillips.

Maren Louise Smith-Tyge, daughter of Anna Gedman and Nate Smith-Tyge, will be presented for baptism.

Today's liturgy was adapted by Maggie Jarrell from Psalm 118:24.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director, Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

Montgomery's revised text for "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" of 1828 is most commonly used today, although there are multiple versions and verse combinations in today's modern hymnals. *The Episcopal Hymnal* follows the original text most closely. The biggest change comes in *The Psalter Hymnal* in which Bert Polman edited the text significantly to stay truer to the actual Psalm. It was not Montgomery's intent, however, to write a direct paraphrase of the Psalm, but rather to absorb "from the Psalm the essential intent of the Psalmist as he saw it, then [proceed] to create his own imagery" (Bailey, *The Gospel in Hymns*).

Bulletin Cover Art

"The Coming of God's Messenger," an engraving by Gustave Doré. Doré (1832-1883) was a French artist who, among a wide variety of works mainly for books, produced a number of wood engravings like this one for illustrating Bibles.

Offertory: Awake, My HeartJane Marshall
Awake, my heart and render to God thy sure defender,
thy Maker, thy preserver a song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me; my day, with thee beside me,
beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
thy word my nurture, giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.
(Paulus Gerhardt, 1647)

† 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. 206Houston
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
† Benediction
† Benediction Response: Go with Us Lord.....Tallis' Canon
**Go with us Lord and guide our way
through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true,
our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Prelude to *Te Deum*.....Marc-Antoine Charpentier, arr. Phelps

*The Voluntary 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.
* *TFWS—The Faith We Sing (Pew Edition)*