



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on AzmonPaul Manz
Prelude on Union Seminary..... 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 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: Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread Day's Psalter

† Processional Hymn No. 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....Azmon
Verses 1-5 and 7

† Call to WorshipAimee Baxter
Liturgist: Lord of our hearts, the author and giver of all good things,
People: imprint on us the love of your name,
Liturgist: increase in us your mercy, nourish us with all goodness,
People: and bring forth in us the fruit of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**
Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† 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.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All: (Antiphon)

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

All: (Antiphon)

Choir: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

All: (Antiphon)

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

All: (Antiphon)

Choir: With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All: (Antiphon)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Doug Arnold

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 Gospel..... Mark 5:1-20

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Moment

Communion Meditation: Healing on the Margins Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version No. 882

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

Offertory: Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal..... Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, glory to the great I Am. And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away. Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

† 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.**

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

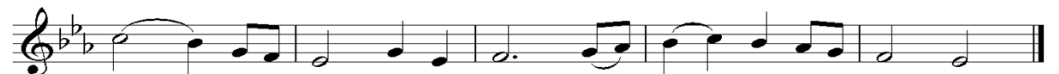
† Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are



ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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 Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: TFWS 2213, TFWS 2197, No. 357.

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.
People: Now we give ourselves for others
Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;
People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;
People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 368: My Hope Is Built The Solid Rock

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen..... Danish

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Voluntary: Tuba Tune in D MajorC. S. Lang

*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)

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Frances and Bill Earthman by their children Robyn and Dan Earthman, Kathryn and Webb Earthman, and Sandra and Bill Earthman.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Celeste Casey Wilson "Cecy" on August 17th to Anne Walker and Bob Wilson.

Today's liturgy was adapted by Aimee Baxter from the Lectionary Collect from the Book of Common Prayer.

Music Participants

The Chancel Choir
Matthew Phelps: Director/Assisting at Organ
Andrew Risinger: Organist/Accompanist

Today's Music

As Edward Mote was walking to work one day in 1834, the thought popped into his head to write a hymn on the "Gracious Experience of a Christian." As he walked up the road, he had the chorus, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." By the end of the day, he had the first four verses written out and safely tucked away in his pocket. Later that week, he visited his friend whose wife was very ill, and as they couldn't find a hymnal to sing from, he dug up his newly written verses and sang those with the couple. The wife enjoyed them so much she asked for a copy, and Mote went home to finish the last two verses and sent it off to a publisher, saying, "As these verses so met the dying woman's case, my attention to them was the more arrested, and I had a thousand printed for distribution" (*Lutheran Hymnal Handbook*).

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Bulletin Cover Art

"Demons Cast Out," a painting in batik by the Christian artist, P. Solomon Raj (1921-2019). The Rev. Dr. Raj was a Lutheran theologian, pastor, and artist in the Guntur district of India. He authored a number of books, and his art pieces have travelled the Christian world.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3rd

8:45 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a	Children's Sunday School	
9:45 a	Grigg Small Group - BTTY	LL 2
9:45 a	Sunday School	
11:00 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 p	Chat and Chew	
3:00 p	Tolstories	4th Story Theater
5:00 p	Youth Group	Youth Center
6:00 p	Harrell Small Group - BTTY	310

Tuesday, September 5th

7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
1:30 p	Creative Hands	305

Wednesday, September 6th

5:00 p	Mitchell Small Group - BTTY	305
5:30 p	The Art of Belonging	McWhirter Hall
6:15 p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

Thursday, September 7th

7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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WEST END STAFF

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-DillonSenior Pastor	Corye NelsonPreschool Executive Director
Rev. Will McLeanePastor of Spiritual Formation	Christina Shoptaw ..Preschool Operations Manager
Rev. Maggie JarrellPastor of Children & Families	Cheryl Reeves ...Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
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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 identity, 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

♦ **Births** - Congratulations to Anna Walker and Bob Wilson, and family, in the birth of their daughter Celeste “Cecy” Casey Wilson on August 17th.

♦ **Sympathies** - Sue McSwiney and family in the death of her sister Carol McSwiney. Plans for a service of remembrance will be forthcoming.

♦ **Prayer Requests** - Jason and other teachers going back to school, Dean McIntyre, Crystal Vines, Laura Bethal, Jonathan Wiltsie, Jewel 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 September 3rd - 9th will be Rev. Will McLeane.

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

‘CHAT AND CHEW’ LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS

Welcome back, college students! Join Pastor Aimee after the 11 a.m. service each week for free lunch at a nearby restaurant. Meet in the back of the sanctuary to find out where we’re going. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend! Contact Pastor Aimee at abaxter@westendumc.org with questions.

FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you have been a part of West End UMC recently and would like to make it your church home, join us for our Fall Membership Class! This will be a four-week session that meets on the first floor in McWhirter Hall at 9:45 am starting September 24th. Find out more or register now at westendumc.org/membership.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SURVEY

Our Youth and Children’s ministries are conducting a survey for parents and volunteers as we enter a season of discovery and discernment together. Scan this QR code to access the survey and fill it out by Labor Day. Thank you!



Scan me!

SEPTEMBER’S COMMUNION OFFERING FOR CAMPUS MINISTRIES

This month’s communion offering benefits the United Methodist campus ministries on Belmont, Vanderbilt, Fisk, and TSU’s campuses. These spaces are where students can connect with one another and deepen their faith or encounter Jesus for the first time. Conversation, food, fellowship, missions, and ministry happen in unique ways on college campuses. Give generously so we can give excellent financial support to these four important campus ministries.

DON’T MISS 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.

THE ART OF BELONGING - WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND FORMATION IN SEPTEMBER

Join us on Wednesday nights starting September 6th in McWhirter Hall for a catered meal and time of formation around the table. Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., and from 6:15-7 p.m., Rev. Will McLeane will guide us in a four-week class, “The Art of Belonging.” The class will only be offered in-person, but you need not come to dinner to attend the class. Visit westendumc.org/wednesdays to reserve your meal or let us know your interest in the class.

IT’S TIME FOR HABITAT 2023

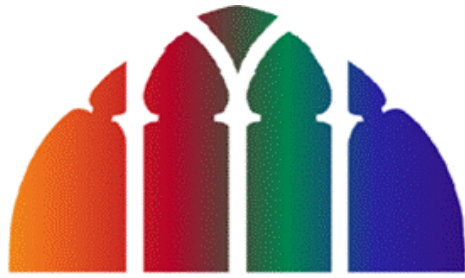
Our Fall 2023 Habitat Build is here! We need people to help bring snacks, breakfasts, waters, and lunches, as well as volunteer to build. Right now our dates for meals are Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th and our dates for building are October 7th and October 21st. If you are interested in helping with food needs, please email Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye at sharwelldye@westendumc.org and keep an eye out for the sign up link!

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP TO SAGER BROWN

We are going to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 13-20th! We’d love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down the hygiene kits, cleaning kits, and menstruation kits we’ve made this year. We’ll assist at the depot, do projects around town, and learn about our connectional response to disasters around the globe through UMCOR. Register at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY STARTS TUESDAY

All recent college grads and young professionals are invited to join us for a Young Adult Book Study beginning this Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 317. Contact Aimee Baxter at abaxter@westendumc.org to find out more! We look forward to seeing you!



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