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LENT 2024

WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 10, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

Voluntary: O Sacred Head Now Wounded (*Chorale no. 10*)Johannes Brahms
O World, I Must Now Leave Thee (*Chorale no. 11*)

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: If Thou but Suffer God to Guide TheeGeorg Neumark

† Processional Hymn No. 157: Jesus Shall ReignDuke Street

† Call to WorshipMolly Borneman
Liturgist: God of empathy, we praise you for your love!
People: Thank you for the care you give to all of creation.
Liturgist: Let us worship you today with humble hearts.
People: Inspire our spirits to respond readily to your call of compassion.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (**in unison**)

Merciful God,
forgive us for the ways we have misunderstood your love.
Forgive us for the ways we have thought of the church as a self-
improvement plan, forgetting your care for the collective.
Forgive us for the ways we have neglected to display your compassion
to the vulnerable.
Lead us to be people who constantly strive for the practice of love.
Inspire us to be people who are continually creating spaces for all
people to feel welcomed.
Help us to be people who are collaboratively linking arms with those
who are longing to belong.
God of glory, create in us an unconditional love for each other.

† 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.**

Anthem: Precious Lord, Take My Hand..... Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Arnold Sevier
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am lone. Through the storm, through the night
lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near. When my
light is almost gone. At the river, Lord, I stand. Guide my feet and
hold my hand. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child 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 this child with a community of love and forgiveness 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 Leila Maeve 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, Leila Maeve, 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;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination James Sewell

Awakening God, stir our imagination by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, in receiving your Word, we might humbly walk toward the new world of mercy and justice you are creating in our midst. Amen.

A Lesson from the Gospel..... Matthew 25:31-46

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Children's church is located in Scales Chapel, which is down the hall from the sanctuary. If it's your first time, a grown-up should please follow us after the children's moment to drop off. Pick up will at the same location immediately following the service.

Sermon: Ordinary MerciesCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 Will McLeane

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

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: O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem..... Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls

and plenteousness within thy palaces.

(Psalm 122:6-7)

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 715: Rejoice, the Lord is KingDarwall’s 148th

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: What Does The Lord Require, v. 4Sharpthorne



How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



Let Christ en-due our will with grace to for - ti - fy. Then



just - ly, in mer - cy, we'll hum - bly walk with God.

Voluntary: Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671 J. S. Bach

*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.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given in celebration of the baptism of Vera Lea VanAusdall by her grandparents, Todd and Kathy Campbell and Rogers and Ginny VanAusdall.

Leila Maeve Adams, daughter of Blake Adams and Jessica Lawson Adams and sister to Jolene and Archie Adams, is presented for baptism today.

Vera Lea VanAusdall, daughter of Jake and Kara VanAusdall, will be presented for baptism at 11 o'clock.

Today’s liturgy was written by Pastoral Fellow Molly Bornemann.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Heart and Soul from Purdue University
Scott Hines: Conductor

Today’s Music

The hymn tune *Duke Street* is credited to John Hatton. There is a generic resemblance between this tune and *Truro*, an anonymous tune to which the text is set in the Lutheran Hymnal Handbook. *Duke Street* has a long meter, which, according to Austin Lovelace, “lends itself readily to majestic subjects and stately treatment” (*The Anatomy of Hymnody*, 25).

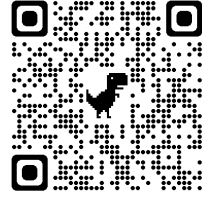
Heart & Soul is one of six ensembles representing Purdue Musical Organizations and Purdue University. Because there is no school of music at the University, the members are majoring in everything except music and volunteer their time to rehearse and perform without receiving any academic credit. Director Scott Hines is a former member of West End’s Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Choir and is thrilled to be back singing at West End this morning.

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

♦ Sympathies to the family of Anne Webber, who passed away on Saturday, March 2. A Celebration of Life is being planned for Thursday, March 14 in the Sanctuary at 3 p.m. Visitation will proceed in Reed Hall at 1:30 p.m.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Alicia Haines; Ruth L. Cate; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; Tennessee State Legislative Session; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those affected by the recent tornadoes; peace in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine

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 March 11-17 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING ♦ OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

Our Lenten special offering will go to the work of Open Table Nashville. This organization exemplifies the emphasis on both mercy and justice by providing tangible goods that help keep people alive while experiencing homelessness, as well as walking with them to housing. They provide excellent training and advocate alongside those without homes in the halls of the legislature against laws that criminalize homelessness. West End has a special relationship through our sponsorship of one of their street outreach workers. The Lenten special offering goes towards our goal of \$10,000 to support the salary of one of these workers. Give at westendumc.org/give.

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING ♦ REJOICE SCHOOL OF BALLET

Motivated by Christ's love, Rejoice School of Ballet empowers youth to realize their potential by training, nurturing and celebrating dancers from diverse racial, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Our relationship with Rejoice Ballet also involves hosting them for shows in our 4th Story Theater. You can give online at westendumc.org/give.

GIVE LIFE ♦ GIVE BLOOD ♦ BLOOD DRIVE :: MARCH 14

On Thursday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West End will be hosting a Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome, too. Visit westendumc.org/blooddrive to make your appointment and find out more information.

♦ Can't give but still want to help? We need home made treats to give to our donors. You can bring by baked cookies, brownies, granola bars, biscotti, cakes, etc that day or the day before. Please let Stacey at sharwellldye@westendumc.org know if you plan to bring so we can anticipate the need to purchase any snacks to put out.

LENTEN NOON CONCERT :: MARCH 14

Our Thursday Lenten Noon Concert series continues with pianist, Tiantian Liang who serves as Assistant Teaching Professor in the Kitt School of Music at Northern Arizona University. Tiantian's program will feature the music of Franz Schubert. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon. Lunch is available in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 p.m. for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts.

R.I.P. MEDICAL DEBT :: MARCH 17

Over 100 million people living in America, one in three, struggle with the pressure of medical debt. Through our church member, Dr. Trey Harrell, we learned of an organization that can wipe out medical debt for pennies on the dollar. For every \$100 we raise, \$10,000 of debt will be eliminated! We would like to raise \$10,000 to eliminate \$1,000,000 worth of debt! Our big push will be on March 17, but we will keep giving open throughout the month. To make a donation, visit westendumc.org/rip.

LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE :: MARCH 17

Quiet the mind, open the heart, feed the soul. Join us for a Lenten Taizé worship service in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 17 at 5 p.m.

JUSTICE DAY ON THE HILL :: MARCH 20

Join with Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP) as we gather at the Cordell Hull Building to meet our legislators and educate them about the problems with Tennessee's death penalty. Find out more at westendumc.org/TADP.

NOAH AND WEST END NIGHT :: MARCH 20

West End is in faithful advocacy alongside other churches through NOAH (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope). Join us for a time of dinner and conversation with our West End NOAH team as well as NOAH Lead organizer Brian Zralek as they lead us in a time of learning about the work we have the opportunity to do through NOAH. Dinner starts at 5:15 PM and the program goes from 6 - 7 PM. RSVP at westendumc.org/noah.

IT'S AN EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA :: MARCH 23

Come on Saturday, March 23 to find out about God’s Easter surprise as we hunt for eggs and fellowship together! Parents and children will gather in McWhirter Hall for crafts and snacks, a short story time, and then our Egg Hunt! The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m. All activities will end by 11:15 a.m. In case of rain, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held indoors on the 4th floor of the church. For more information or to volunteer to help with Egg Hunt, contact Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org.

HOLY WEEK AT WEST END UMC

Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, March 24 ♦ 8:45 and 11 a.m. ♦ Sanctuary

Covenant School Service of Lament and Hope

Wednesday, March 27 ♦ 6:30 p.m. ♦ Calvary UMC

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28 ♦ 7 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 ♦ 12 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP TO SAGER BROWN :: APRIL 13-20

We are going to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 13-20! We’d love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down our hygiene kits, cleaning kits, and menstruation kits that have 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 the good work of UMCOR. We will have a free day to explore New Orleans as well. Register here at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

NEW SMALL GROUPS FORMING

Over the course of the next month, we are inviting you to consider joining new small groups as they form and are announced through our various church communications. This week, we invite you to consider joining a “Shared Journey” group that will meet twice a month (2nd and 4th Sundays) in the Green Hills area from 4-6pm. The group’s first meeting will be March 24th. “Shared Journey” groups will follow the worship, preaching, and discipleship seasons of WEUMC (Ex. Lent: Mercy and Justice) as they center their shared life together in God’s transforming grace. If you have interest or questions about this group or any others, please contact Rev. Will McLeane at wmcleane@westendumc.org.

CHAT AND CHEW IS ON SPRING BREAK

Our Chat and Chew lunch for college and graduate students is not meeting today due to Spring Break. See you next week!



WEST END STAFF

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Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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Rev. Maggie JarrellPastor of Children and Families
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Rev. Shannon Baxter ..Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee BaxterPastor of Young Adults
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