



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MAY 18, 2025 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

Voluntary: Voluntary in D Minor William Walond
Prelude on *Duke Street* Wilbur Held

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: Ascribe to the Lord..... Sally Ahner

† Processional Hymn No. 101: From All that Dwell below the Skies Duke Street

† Call to Worship Francis Merritt

Liturgist: How wondrous! A new heaven and a new earth!

People: Tears, mourning, pain, and death will pass away.

Liturgist: In its place, God will offer new hope and peace.

People: God will dwell with God's people forevermore.

Liturgist: Worship the Lord who is about to do a new thing.

People: Praise God who establishes God's reign in the heart of God's people.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Patient God,

sometimes we are just too busy for our own good.

**Our schedules are hectic with demands on time, energy,
and resources that erode all too quickly.**

**We rush through life. The cries of those in need often go
unheeded in our blur of activities. Slow us down, Lord.**

**Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world and
for offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words
of patient love that you have for us.**

**Remind us again of the new thing you are doing in our midst. Help us
to pay attention to the places and people where your kingdom is
already breaking in.**

**May we live in such a way that we honor you, honor ourselves, honor
your creation, and honor others.**

† 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: Cantate Domino..... Hans Leo Hassler

O sing unto the Lord a new song:

sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:

be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen:

and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:

he is more to be feared than all gods.

(Psalm 96: 1-4, sung in Latin)

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 Lucille Thomas 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, Lucille Thomas, 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 IlluminationJ. L. Nave

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 New TestamentRevelation 21:1-6

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.

† Hymn *TFWS* No. 2114*: At the Font We Start Our Journey Lauda Anima

Sermon: Making All Things NewCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithAimee Baxter

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 live with respect in Creation,
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

SENDING FORTH

The Lord’s Prayer

**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: As Truly as God Is Our Father..... William Mathias

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is he our Mother.
In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being;
in our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.
Our fragmented lives are knit together.
And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace,
to the Holy Spirit we are made whole.
It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.
It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.
It is I, the light and grace of holy love.
It is I, the Trinity. It is I, the unity.
I am the sovereign goodness in all things.
It is I who teach you to love.
It is I who teach you to desire.
It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.
All shall be well, and all shall be well,
and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.
(Julian of Norwich)

† Doxology No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† Recessional Hymn No. 733: Marching to ZionMarching to Zion

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Bind Us Together Bind us Together
**Bind us together Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken,
bind us together Lord, bind us together
Lord, bind us together in love.**

Voluntary: Allegro maestoso e vivace from *Sonata II* Felix Mendelssohn
*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.*
- * *TFWS - The Faith We Sing, pew edition.*

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

*The flowers on the altar were donated by Frank and Lynn Clement
in loving memory of their parents, Gov. and Mrs. Frank G. Clement
and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Franklin Moore, Jr.*

*A rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Madeleine Casseley Johnson
who was born on May 7 to Hank and Kara Johnson.
She is also welcomed by big brother Henry.*

*Meri Shea Kennedy, daughter of Sarah and Sean Kennedy,
was presented for baptism at the early service.*

*Lucille Thomas Younts, daughter of Alli and Carter Younts,
is presented for baptism at this service.*

*Today’s liturgy was adapted from the liturgy written by Nancy C. Townley
for the worship connection blog May 15, 2022 on ministrymatters.com.*

Music Participants

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

Today's Music

Isaac Watts wrote "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" for his 1719 publication *The Psalms of David, Imitated*. It was one of three paraphrases he wrote based on Psalm 117, and it was first published in two verses. In 1780 John Wesley published a version with an added two verses. These verses are included in the *United Methodist Hymnal*, *Trinity Hymnal*, and *Presbyterian Hymnal*. A third form of the hymn originated with the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," as a final verse.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today's cover art, *Revelation 21: Heaven*, is from Shelley West, a Gainesville, FL-based artist specializing in acrylic-based paintings. In the nearest foreground, we find "a throng of thousands sing *Holy, Holy, Holy* to God (Rev. 4:8)," while in the farthest background we have "(a)n opalescent gate made out of pearls and white iridescent paint (Rev 21:12, 21). As described in Revelation 22:1-2 as being bright as crystal flowing from God's throne, the embodiment of the river of life in the painting has been dashed with iridescent aqua throughout...(T)he tree bears twelve different colored fruits. Next to the river, the streets [are] made of 'pure gold, like transparent glass' with gold sparkles (Rev. 21:21). At the top of the painting, [the artist] incorporated different gems to symbolize that 'the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel' (Rev. 21:19)" (redemptiveartistry.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Nancy Jones; Kathy Osten; our neighbors in South Nashville, immigrants and refugees, and those whose family members have been detained by immigration officials; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; peace in Palestine/Israel, Haiti, Sudan, Syria, 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 May 19 - 25 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.



MAY'S COMMUNION OFFERING: SHOWER THE PEOPLE

Our May Communion Offering will benefit Shower the People. Shower the People provides a shower bus and laundry services to people experiencing homelessness in Nashville. Text COMMUNION to 833.270.7424. to give to Shower The People.

TAIZÉ SERVICE // TODAY AT 5:30 P.M.

Join us for a contemplative service rooted in the music of the Taizé community of France. Our worship service will include a space for healing prayer. Experience with contemplative worship or the music of Taizé is not required to engage fully in our liturgy. Join us at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

ACOLYTE TRAINING // TODAY AT 1 P.M.

If your child is interested in being an acolyte during one of our worship services, join us on Sunday, May 18 at 1 pm for our next training session. The acolyte ministry at West End is an opportunity for children and youth to lead in our worship services each week. Kids who are currently in 3rd grade and older are invited to participate. Visit westendumc.org/acolyte to register.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

This team keeps eyes and ears open for interest, talent and gifts in the West End family. The job of the committee is to identify spiritually gifted, mature individuals to:

- ♦ Fill lay member positions of the Ministry Table.
- ♦ Fill existing positions on administrative and possibly other teams..
- ♦ Provide names as nominees for leadership in new ministries or other opportunities as they arise.
- ♦ Maintain and update an inventory of congregational membership with information that relates to spiritual strengths and interests to be used to find leaders.

Would you like to know more about the work of finding leaders...or more about offering to be a leader? Do you find yourself thinking that someone "would be great" at one of the many roles needed for a healthy, ministry-driven, thriving church family?

In 2025, your Lay Leadership Team is led by our Senior Pastor Carol-Cavin Dillon, and includes Bryan Roberson, Anita Schmid, Christy Smith, Lucas Littrell-Garlit, Edgar Lowe, Allison Walker, David Self, Kindall Dietman, Jane Shoun and Pastor Will McLeane. Ask any of the team for more information about serving in Lay Leadership, or contact Bryan at bryan@bryanroberson.com.

NAMI DINNER AT WEST END // MAY 28

In honor of May and Mental Health Awareness Month, the WEUMC Mental Health Initiative is hosting NAMI In Our Own Voice, May 28 from 6-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. During this presentation, attendees will gain a deeper awareness and understanding of mental health by learning from the lived experiences of those living with mental health diagnoses. A light dinner will be served. RSVP at westendumc.org/nami and consider making a minimum \$10 donation to support NAMI's efforts to increase mental health awareness and decrease stigma.

BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, June 8 ♦ 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
In the Gym

Visit westendumc.org/blooddrive for more info or scan the QR code to make your appointment.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL // BEGINS JUNE 8

♦ **Praying the Psalms // Sundays in June // McWhirter Hall** - The Psalms embrace the complexity of our human existence and shape our spiritual formation. Join the Rev. Will McLeane in a close study of Walter Brueggemann's *Praying the Psalms: Engaging Scripture and the Life of the Spirit* as together we explore how the Psalms guide us through seasons of spiritual orientation, disorientation, and reorientation.



VBS 2025 // ROAD TRIP

We're going on a Road Trip with God this year! Join us for a fun summer program with music, Bible stories, games, crafts, and more for children 3 years old (by start of VBS and potty trained) through completed 4th grade! VBS is June 23- 25 from 5 - 7:15 pm, include dinner each night. The cost \$10 per child. Register at westendumc.org/vbs.

MUSIC CAMP 2025 • TABLE FOR FIVE...THOUSAND!

Children entering 1st through 7th grade Fall 2025 are invited to participate in this week-long camp (July 21-25, 9 am to 2 pm) that combines singing, acting, choreography, costumes, and the retelling of the Biblical story about Jesus and his disciples feeding of the 5,000. On Sunday, July 27 we will present the show our 4th Story Theater. Register your child now at westendumc.org/musiccamp.

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION 2025

West End is partnering with Project Transformation TN for its 14th summer. There are several ways you can be involved. Our Reading Week is June 9-12, and we've got two dates, June 18 and July 16 where we will provide meals for the interns. You can also help by donating supplies, writing letters and praying for PT throughout the summer! Find out more and volunteer at westendumc.org/PT or contact Jennifer Hoffman with questions at 615.390.0033 or jenniferhoffman@outlook.com.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETIN

Are you in need of a large-print bulletin? If so, please complete a request form, and we will begin printing one for you starting May 25. When you meet the greeter each Sunday after that, just let them know you requested a large-print bulletin, and they will provide it to you.



COLLEGE STUDENT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

For the month of June, all undergrad and graduate students are invited to Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. in Room 402 on the 4th floor. We'll be studying Themes in Psalm 23. If you have any questions, please email Pastor Aimee at abaxter@westendumc.org.

SOUND AND LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS IN SANCTUARY

Over the course of the summer you will see and hear some new upgrades to our audio and lighting system in the Sanctuary. Makin Media Systems will do the install over the course of a couple of weeks, so some things may feel out of place while the work is being done. Please pardon the progress! We are thankful to the West End UMC family who makes updates like this possible. For more information or if you would like to make a donation towards this project, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter.

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

Sunday School ♦ 8:45 a.m.
 Worship ♦ 10 a.m.
 Special Events ♦ 11 a.m.

Change effective May 25 thru August 10

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

A Warm Welcome

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.

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.



We believe that God loves everyone unconditionally!

West End Staff

Members of West End UMC Ministers

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....*Senior Pastor*
Rev. Will McLeane*Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Maggie Jarrell..... *Children and Families*
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye..... *Mercy and Justice*
Rev. Shannon Baxter*Congregational Connection*
Rev. Aimee Baxter*Young Adults*
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