

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 19, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude in D Major BWV 532..... J. S. Bach

WelcomeMichael Williams
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Lord Jesus Christ.....17th c. German

† Processional Hymn No. 73: O Worship the King.....Lyons

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler
Liturgist: *You we praise, O God! You we praise!*
People: We will sing our songs of joy this day and in all the days to come!
Liturgist: *You shower us with your hope; you offer us help in every moment.*
People: You we praise, O God! You we praise!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**We do not want you to know
how our lives do not proclaim your good news,
God of all hearts.
But you have heard the words we have spoken
that injure those we love.
You see how insistent we can be
in clinging to the ways we have always lived,
rather than walking your new paths.
We have trouble believing that when our souls are empty
and our hearts have only a small portion of love,
you can do miracles in and through us.
Let your grace shower us and end the drought
of fear and doubt in our lives,
so we can believe the good news that comes to us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination
**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.**

Lesson from the Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:1-16.....(pew Bible, page 282)

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria PatriNo. 71
The children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri to join Michael at the chancel.

**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.**

(Please be seated.)

Sermon: Receiving.....Michael Williams

† Affirmation of Faith of the United Church of Canada.....No. 883

† Passing of 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.**
(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Dane Van Eys

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: A Prayer of St. PatrickJohn Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
from St. Patrick's Breastplate (5th c.)

† Doxology No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 428:Cwm Rhondda
For the Healing of the Nations

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: AmenPeter C. Lutkin

Voluntary.....Maurice Duruflé
Fugue on the Carillon Theme from the Cathedral of Soissons
*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 stand.*

Head Usher: John Nance

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of William A. Shell by his family.

Lydia Mary Humphrey,
daughter of Seth Humphrey and Anna Long-Humphrey,
will be presented for baptism in the 11am service today.

The anthem *A Prayer of St. Patrick* is given to the glory of God and in memory of Jean Bass Crawford by Jeannie Crawford Lee.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger is directing. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: The processional calls us to praise a powerful, creative, eternal, and caring God in some of the most enduring lines in English hymnody, e.g., 'Thy bountiful care . . . streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.' The author was born in India and led a distinguished public life as a lawyer, and governor of Bombay.

The recessional was written in 1965 to mark Human Rights Day in the author's church, Plymouth, UK. This observance, celebrating The Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris in 1948, is in one of The United Methodist Church's six church-wide Special Sundays. The tune name, CWM RHONDDA, literally means Rhondda Valley, after a coal mining district in South Wales, UK. (*Hymnic notes by Carlton Young*)

February 19, 2017
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Receiving"

1 Kings 17:1-16

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." The word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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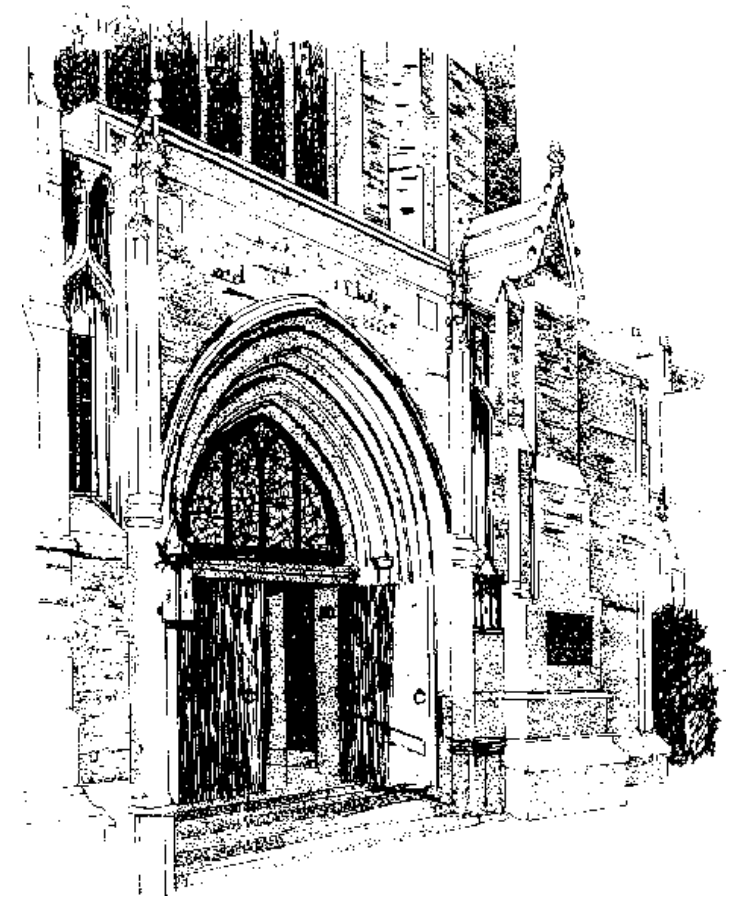
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