

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

August 20, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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: Sicilienne (from 24 pieces in Fantasy Style).....Louis Vierne

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
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: Thank the Lord.....Rene Clausen
Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who loves the Lord rejoice and gladly bear his name.
Alleluia!

† Processional Hymn No. 103.....St. Denio
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

† Greeting.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Though we come from different circumstances,*
People: **God can make us one in worship.**
Liturgist: *Though we have traveled paths of trouble and conflict,*
People: **God can make us one in healing.**
Liturgist: *Though each of us has our share of struggle, strife, and joy,*
People: **God can make us one in hope.**
Liturgist: *Let us worship our God, whose love draws us together!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Love,
We know that we are all sisters and brothers in Christ.
Each of us is your precious child,
and yet there is division in this family.
There is sibling rivalry with old resentments and new irritations.
We are quick to anger, slow to forgive.
We would rather choose our relatives,
than acknowledge the all-inclusive nature of your family.
Open our hearts to your love,
and show us the way of reconciliation.
Teach us to see each brother and sister with your eyes.
Help us claim our heritage as your own children,
and live together in unity as your family.
In the name of Christ, we pray.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† 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.**

(Please be seated.)

Solo.....Arthur Sullivan
Refrain Thy Voice from Weeping (The Light of the World)

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.**

A lesson from the Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-15.....(pew Bible, page 37)

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

† Hymn No. 549: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....St. Peter
The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Joseph and the Amazing Dysfunctional Family

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 884

† 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.....Brandon 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.**

Offertory: O Be Joyful in The Lord.....Charles Wood
O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful to him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son; glory be to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (*Psalm 100*)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 378: Amazing Grace.....Amazing Grace

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: No. 898 Amen.....Danish



Voluntary: Toccata in B MinorEugène Gigout
*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: Barbara Cragg
The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Irwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas Edwards and Irwin's brother, Edward Thomas Edwards, Jr, by Irwin, Jeff, Francie and Carolyn Fisher.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is director and assisting at the organ. Associate, Andrew Risinger, is organist/accompanist. Emma Jackson, soprano. Melissa Gramling is conducting the anthem.

Hymnic Notes: The processional hymn skillfully combines images of God as “invisible,” “unchanging,” and “hidden,” yet visible in creation both “great and small,” whose “justice [is] like mountains high soaring above.”

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” is a translation of the ancient hymn *Ubi caritas et amor*, based on Jesus’s “new commandment” that we hold one another in love and concern (1 Jn. 4:16).

The recessional is John Newton's autobiographical hymn of a deeply felt conversion and transformation from his former life as a slave trader. Its popularity among church goers, shaped-note singers, and gospel quartets was extended into general audiences by Mahalia Jackson, Judy Collins and others in the 1970s. (*Hymnic notes by Carlton Young*)

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Preaching: Carol Cavin-Dillon

“Joseph and the Amazing Dysfunctional Family”

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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