

GATHERING

Voluntary: Sonata No. 22.....Johann Pezel  
Lux et Lapis.....Kevin McKee

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: Lord Jesus Christ.....17th Century German  
Lord Jesus Christ be present now, our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Thy spirit send with grace divine and let thy truth within us shine.

† Processional Hymn No. 126.....Mit Freuden Zart  
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler  
Liturgist: *Come, let us worship before Christ, our Redeemer,*  
People: **who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit.**  
Liturgist: *Come let us worship in the Spirit,*  
People: **who emboldens us to proclaim the good news.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**God of empty tombs,**  
**Peter spoke with power and clarity of his faith,**  
**while we remain silent.**  
**Our doubts overwhelm us.**  
**Our fears and unbelief keep our hearts shuttered and locked.**  
**Forgive us for misunderstanding your life, death,**  
**and resurrection among us.**  
**We pray that our hearts and lives be changed**  
**through your amazing power.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† 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.)*

† 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.)*

Anthem: The Day of Resurrection.....Thomas Matthews  
(Text can be found in the hymnal, #303)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Sue Stein  
**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 Testament: Acts 3:1-19...(pew Bible, pages 886-887)

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

† Hymn No. 363: And Can It Be that I Should Gain.....Sagina  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Vs 1 and 2: Choir and Congregation  
Vs 3: Choir alone  
Vs 4 and 5: Choir and Congregation

Sermon: Transformed into Boldness.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

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: Purest and Highest.....Charles Villiers Stanford  
Purest and Highest,  
Wisest and most Just,  
There is no truth save only in thy trust,  
Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,  
And bring thro' Christ to him for whom are all.  
Eternal Glory, all men thee adore,  
who art and shalt be worship'd evermore.  
Us whom thou makest comfort with thy might,  
and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.  
(Robert Bridges)

† 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!**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 577.....Cwm Rhondda  
God of Grace and God of Glory

† Benediction

† Benediction Response No. 162: Alleluia, Alleluia (refrain).....Alleluia No. 1  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name!**

Voluntary: The Strife is O'er.....Flor Peeters  
*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.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services and worship events.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Murrey and George S. Dibrell, Elizabeth Dibrell and Alden H. Smith, George Dibrell Smith, Alden H. Smith Jr, and Judith Gray Walton Smith, by their family.



*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!*

**Sunday Activities**

- Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
- Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
- College Lunch.....12 - 1 p.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal\*.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups\*.....5 - 7 p.m.

**Weekly Activities**

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
- Children’s Choir and Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at [www.westendumc.org](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the insert.

\*Meal provided.

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is directing and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is organist/accompanist. Jacob Haymans & Jacob Babbitt, trumpets.

Hymnic Notes: Johann Jakob Schütz wrote “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” in German with nine stanzas. In 1675 he published it in his *Christliches Gedenkbüchlein*. The most common English translation in use is by Frances E. Cox from 1864, which was published in Orby Shipley's *Lyra Eucharistica* and her own *Hymns from the German*. Catherine Winkworth has also made a translation. The music is an anonymous German tune that first appeared in a Bohemian Brethren hymnal in 1566. “And Can it Be” may not be one of Charles Wesley’s most well-known hymns, but it is one of his most theologically substantive. The first three stanzas of this hymn explore both the contrast between the glory of heaven that Christ came from and the suffering He endured on earth, and the mystery of the love that motivated Him to make that journey. In stanza four, we are reminded how God brings us to salvation in language that reminds us of Peter's experience in Acts 12:6-11, where God sent an angel to open the prison doors and loose Peter's chains. The final stanza is a jubilant celebration of our new state in Christ and the privilege of communion with God that we enjoy. While we have sung this hymn at West End before, its length can be daunting, so we’ll give the congregation a break during verse three while the choir sings alone. Hopefully you will find this hymn satisfying due to its deep roots in Methodism, even though it may not be one of our “greatest hits.”

**West End United Methodist Church**

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- Becky Peeler ..... Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
- Lisa Gwock..... Pastor of Missions & Outreach
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**WEST END  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



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