

GATHERING

Voluntary: Amazing Grace.....arr. George Shearing

Welcome.....Erin Racine
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: Ascribe to the Lord.....Sally Ahner
Ascribe to the Lord O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

† Processional Hymn No. 64:.....Nicaea
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

† Call to Worship.....Katie Minnis
Liturgist: *Lift every voice and sing,*
People: **‘till earth and heaven ring,**
Liturgist: *ring with the harmonies of liberty;*
People: **let our rejoicing rise**
Liturgist: *high as the listening skies;*
All: **let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
O God, you have made us in your own image,
and you love all whom you have made.
Suffer us not because of difference of race, color, or condition
to separate ourselves from others and thereby from you,
but teach us the unity of your family
and the universality of your love.
Teach us, also, while loving and serving our own,
to enter into the communion of the whole human family,
and forbid that from pride of birth, color, achievement
and from hardness of heart
we should despise any for whom Christ died,
or injure or grieve any in whom he lives.
We pray in Jesus’ precious name. Amen.

† 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 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.**

† 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: It is Good to Give Thanks to Our God.....Isabeal Hudson
It is good to give thanks to our God and sing our praise to him.
We give thanks, and our voices raise. We will sing God’s praise.

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 her with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may 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 Martha Cate 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 Martha Cate, 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 (*in unison*).....Martha Ann Pilcher
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 Gospel: Luke 6:17-26.....(pew Bible, page 838)

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

† Hymn No. 142.....Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
The children are invited to join Erin at the chancel for the Children’s Moment during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: The Blessed Life.....Erin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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: I Give You a New Commandment.....Dominick DiOrio
I give you a new commandment that you should love one another as I have loved you.

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 410: I Want a Principle Within.....Gerald

† Benediction

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



Voluntary.....Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro con brio from Sonata No. 4 in B-flat Major
The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† *The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.*

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

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and the celebration of marriage of Amber and William Walton.

Martha Cate Galletti, daughter of Gabriel George Galletti and Evelyn Cate Galletti, is presented for baptism today.

In honor of Black History Month, the liturgy in February is sourced from African American preachers, writers, and civil rights leaders. The Call to Worship this morning was written by James Weldon Johnson. The Prayer of Confession was excerpted from a prayer by Bishop Robert C. Lawson.



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.....12:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir and Handbell Rehearsals.....12:00 – 12:30 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:15 - 2:15 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.....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 or see the insert.

*Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed, childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist and accompanist. Music Associate, Allison Williams, assisting at the organ. The Asbury choir. Matthew Phelps and Bethany Wilson, co-directors.

Hymnic Notes: In 325 AD, Church leaders convened in the town of Nicaea in Bithynia to formulate a consensus of belief and practice amongst Christians. What resulted was the Nicene Creed, a document passed on through the ages as one of the pillars of church doctrine. The primary function of this creed was to establish a firm belief in the Trinity, countering the heresy of Arius, who believed that Jesus was not fully divine. It was this creed that inspired Reginald Heber to write “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,” a great hymn of praise to the Triune God, with the intent that the hymn be sung before or after the creed was recited in a service, and on Trinity Sunday – eight weeks after Easter. The tune, composed by John B. Dykes for Heber’s text, is also titled NICAEA in recognition of Heber’s text. The words evoke a sense of awe at the majesty of God, and call on all of creation – humans, saints and angels, and all living things – to praise the Godhead three-in-one.

West End United Methodist Church

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- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor & Coordinator of Spiritual Formation
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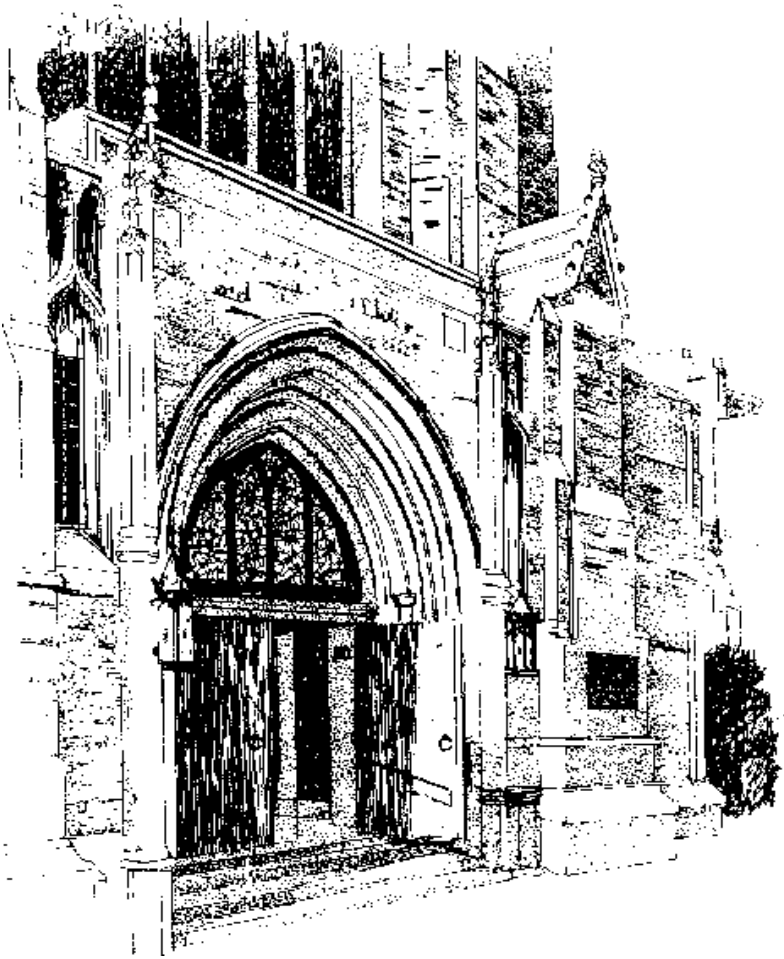
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 17, 2019 at Eleven o’clock
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany