

# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

April 26, 2020 at Eight Forty-five  
Third Sunday of Easter

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## GATHERING

Prelude: Adagio (from *Fantasy in C Major*)..... César Franck

Introit: Bless the Lord .....Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov  
Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name.

† Processional Hymn No. 610: We Know That Christ Is Raised ..... Engelberg

† Call to Worship ..... Nancy Parker

Liturgist: *Christ meets us on the road between fear and hope.*

People: **Christ meets us on the road between despair and resurrection.**

Liturgist: *Like the disciples long ago, we seek the company of Jesus.*

People: **Let us worship our Lord, who is standing in our midst!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Holy and Merciful God,**

**we come before you as a broken people.**

**Although your grace surrounds us everywhere we go,  
and although you walk with us on our journey,  
too often we turn away from your merciful invitation  
to live freely for you and one another.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Help us recognize your risen nature,  
and guide us that we might walk with you.**

**O God of Easter,  
come to us as we are,  
but leave us transformed  
through Christ our Lord. 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.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Easter Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*) ..... Frank Clement

**Resurrecting God, open our hearts to your Holy Word so that we may truly understand; and understanding, that we may believe; and believing, that we may follow Jesus Christ in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.**

Lesson from the Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Christ our Companion ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*) ..... 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 Anthem: This Joyful Eastertide ..... William Harris

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber: till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river: love of soul from ill my passing soul deliver. Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

† 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. 318: Christ Is Alive ..... Truro

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen..... Danish

Voluntary: Prelude in C Major, BWV 547 ..... J. S. Bach

† *The congregation is invited to 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 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 everyone:  
every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status,  
ethnicity, and mental and physical ability.  
We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!*

Note all activities are postponed as we practice social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please visit [westendumc.org](http://westendumc.org) for the latest news and updates as we continue our ministry.

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Music Participants: The Chamber Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director this morning. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ.

The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource by Carol Penner on the *re: Worship* blog. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Stephen M. Fearing on the *Wild and Precious Life* blog.

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