

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
June 14, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Aria.....Charles Callahan

Welcome..... Carol Cavin-Dillon
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Introit: Come Ye That Love the Lord.....Alice Parker
Come ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known.
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

† Processional Hymn No. 116: The God of Abraham Praise..... Leoni

† Call to Worship.....Nancy Parker
Liturgist: *God of wondrous love,*
People: **your miracles always catch us by surprise.**
Liturgist: *When our time of blessing comes,*
People: **may we laugh with Sarah and dance with Abraham.**
Liturgist: *When strangers are in our midst,*
People: **may we welcome them with open arms and generous hearts.**
Liturgist: *Come to us now, as we gather to worship,*
People: **that we might feel your presence and experience your grace.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God of grace and glory,
we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection
of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
We long to live in ways that please you, but so often we fall short.
We fail to see your face in the eyes of a stranger.
We are unable to believe that you can do all things,
even ones that seem incredibly unlikely.
We are reluctant to set aside our hurt, our anger,
and our disappointment.
We put our trust in ourselves rather than in you.
Forgive us Lord.
Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead,
that your name may be glorified in all the earth. 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

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*) Davis Turner
**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: Genesis 18:1-15

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: The Laughter of Sarah..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*) No. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

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: O For a Closer Walk With God..Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made me mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

† Doxology.....No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn: To Abraham and Sarah.....St. Theodulph
† Benediction
† Benediction Response: AlleluiaJacques Berthier
Voluntary: Trumpet Fanfare.....Mouret, arr. Wolff
† *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 today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. L. Rowe Driver 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 westendmc.org for the latest news and updates as we continue our ministry.

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Liturgy by Maggie Jarrell.

Cover Art: Sarah and the Three Angels by Marc Chagall, 1960.

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps is conductor and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

Today's Music: "To Abraham and Sarah" was written by Judith Fetter in 1984 for the anniversary service of the United Church congregation of which her husband, Lawrence Fetter, was pastor. Hymnologist Paul Richardson states "This balladlike call to go to another culture, a summons to Sarah as well as to Abraham, anticipated by several years Judith and Lawrence's acceptance of a ministry in Brazil." The tune St. Theodulph is generally associated with the Palm Sunday hymn, "All Glory Laud and Honor."

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