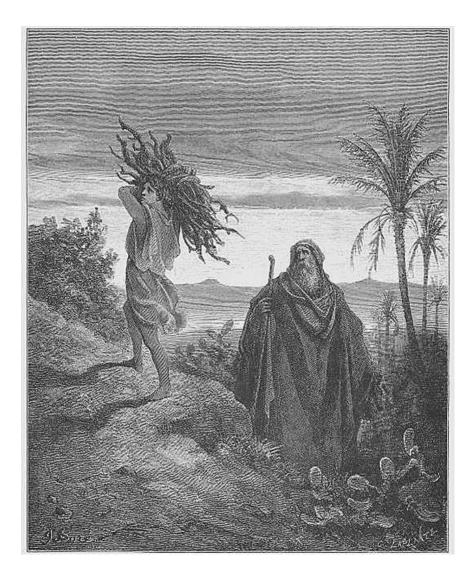
# WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP June 28, 2020 at Eight Forty-five Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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#### **GATHERING**

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 647
WelcomeErin Racino
Please take a moment to record your online attendance in the link provided in the comment section. First-time guests and other visitors 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: Day by Day
Processional Hymn No. 139: Lobe den Herrer Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrel
Liturgist: We hear you, O Lord, and we worship you.
People: We celebrate your presence, O Lord.
Liturgist: <i>We worship with the memory of your faithfulness to us.</i> People: <b>We celebrate your presence, O Lord.</b>
Liturgist: We worship in the hope that we might be closer to you.
People: We celebrate your presence, O Lord.
Liturgist: We worship with the assurance that you will be with us.
People: We hear you, O Lord, and we worship you!
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God,
we confess that we are not into big gestures
or big sacrifices. We don't want to give up the things we hold dear,
things we struggled so hard to attain,
things we thought you gave us.
You want us to be closer to you,
yet we resist becoming more faithful.
We hold fast to transient comforts.
Forgive our resistance. Help us today to move toward surrender;
to understand what we might gain,
and to learn to cherish right relationship with you
and others. 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!

† 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. 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 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 22:1-14

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sermon: More Questions Than Answers ...... Erin Racine

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: Almighty and Everlasting God .......Orlando Gibbons Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand and defend us: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **SENDING FORTH**

†	Recessional Hymn: Abraham When Severely TriedRockingham Olc
†	Benediction
†	Benediction Response: Amen
	Voluntary: The Agincourt Hymnarr. Frederick Swann
†	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 Robert Norling and Kirk Norling 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 for the latest news and updates as we continue our ministry.

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Liturgy by Ed Zinkiewicz.

Cover Art: "The Trial of Abraham's Faith" by Gustave Doré, one of 241 wood engravings he created to illustrate *Le Grande Bible de Tours*, published in 1866.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Andrew Risinger is conductor and organist.

Today's Music: Charles Wesley's hymn, "Abraham When Severely Tried," was published in *Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1740*. Its original title was, "The Life of Faith, Exemplified." The hymn recounts the story of Abraham and Isaac while calling us to consider what it is in our life that we are called to give for God's glory. While we are not called to go through the trial Abraham did, we are called to live our lives as a sacrifice in thanksgiving for God's love.

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