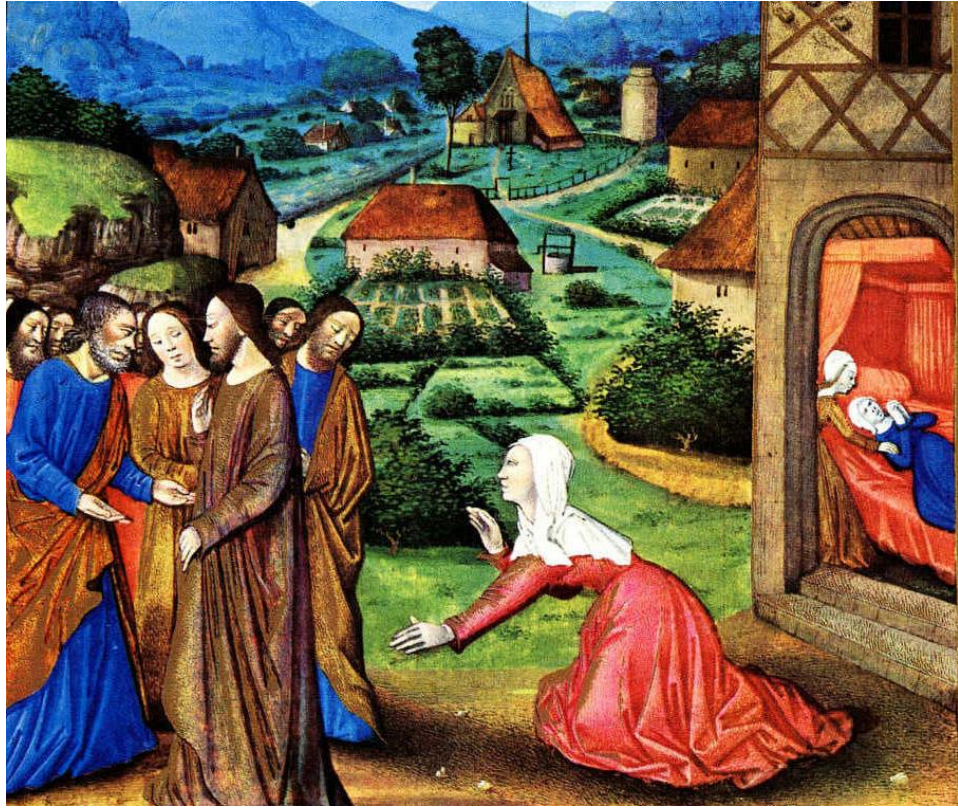


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
August 23, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2200 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Nun bitten wir Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

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: Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join..... Orlando Gibbons

† Opening Hymn No. 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon

† Call to Worship Katie Minnis

Liturgist: *We cry out to God, begging not to be sent away.*

People: **God's mercy is greater than our fear.**

Liturgist: *We feel tired and tormented.*

People: **God's mercy is greater than our struggle.**

Liturgist: *We cry out for justice.*

People: **God's mercy is greater than our failures.**

Liturgist: *We come to you in faith, O God.*

People: **Pour out your mercy on us as we worship you this day.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of Mercy,
we confess that we too often turn away from those who are
not like us.**

**It is far too easy to favor those who resemble us in thought,
appearance, and belief.**

**We confess that our perspectives can become clouded by those
around us.**

Forgive us.

**May we be challenged, as Jesus was, to readily hear the cries for
justice.**

May we honor those courageous enough to demand change.

**Speak to us through your people, O God, that we might overcome
our indifference.**

May we be attentive to the cries of your children. 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.**

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 this
child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he
may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to 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 James Michael into your
love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his
hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
James Michael, 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*)..... 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 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: Holy Persistence 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..... 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: O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit..... Thomas Tallis
O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts and lighten our understanding that we may dwell in the fear of thy name all the days of our life that we may know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

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

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 266: Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer..Gräfenberg

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Shalom to YouSomos Del Señor

Voluntary: Allegro Assai (from Sonata no. 4)..... Alexandre Gulimant

† *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 to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of James Michael Hardisty by his family.

James Michael Hardisty, son of Brock and Holly Hardisty
is presented for baptism.



*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 Katie Minnis.

Cover Art: The Canaanite Woman by an unknown illustrator of *Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry*, produced in 1412-1416. Coincidentally, the three painters for the manuscript and their sponsor all died in 1416, possibly victims of plague, and another painter added embellishments in the 1440s.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

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

Today's Music: "Heal Us, Emmanuel" was first included in *Olney Hymns*, 1797, under the title, "Jehovah-Raphi, I am the Lord that healeth thee." The words to the hymn were written by William Cowper, in whose daily life the healing touch of Jesus was a constant need, for he suffered from periodic deep depressions, and he felt that he would die if God did not spare him. (notes by Carlton Young)

West End United Methodist Church

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