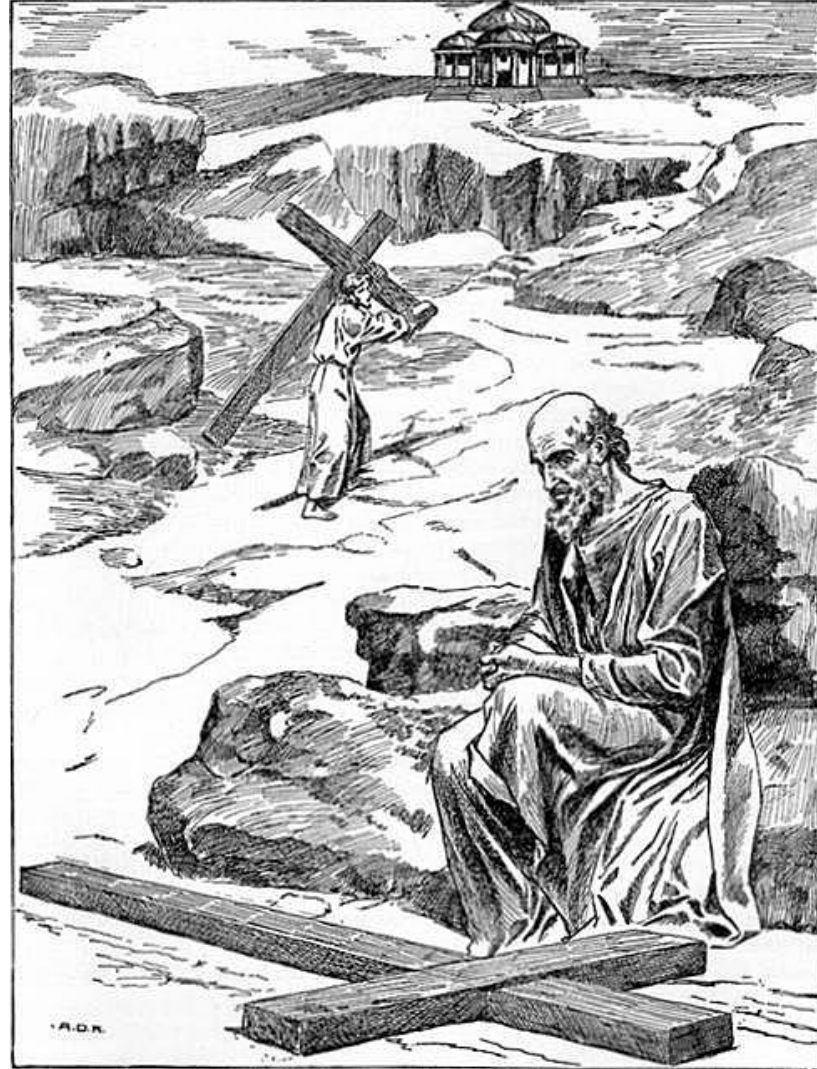


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
August 30, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2200 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude (from *Six Short Pieces*) Josef Rheinberger

Welcome..... Erin Racine

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. 545: The Church's One Foundation..... Aurelia

† Call to Worship Nancy Parker

Liturgist: *We worship this morning on Holy Ground.*

People: **God meets us here and calls us to follow.**

Liturgist: *Jesus invites us to take up our cross*

People: **to discover what it means to truly live.**

Liturgist: *This is our God!*

People: **Let us worship together!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of Genuine Love,
You call us to be your voices in this world,
yet we stay silent.**

**You call us to be your hands in this world,
yet we keep them hidden.**

**You call us to be your feet in this world,
yet we go our own way.**

**When we meet those who are suffering and we say nothing,
forgive us.**

**When we meet those who are struggling and we do nothing,
forgive us.**

**When we are called to take up our cross and we carry nothing,
forgive us.**

**Breathe life into our bones,
and bring freedom to our lives,
that through our words and actions
we might bear witness
to your life-giving love in our world.**

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 she
may grow in service with others. We will pray for her 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 Evelyn Clare 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,
Evelyn Clare, 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*)..... Jenny Charles

**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 16:21-28

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

Sermon: A Cross to Bear..... Erin Racine

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

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 Anthem: O Be Joyful in the LordCharles Wood

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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. (Psalm 100)

† 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. 415: Take Up Thy Cross..... Germany

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together BoundLand of Rest

Voluntary: Prelude in B Major..... Marcel Dupré

† *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 by Brant Phillips in celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of his parents, Wade and DiAnne Phillips.

The rose on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Samuel (Sam) Lockhart Whitworth who was born to Carey and Tom Whitworth on August 20th. He is welcomed by his big brother James.

Evelyn Clare Dale, daughter of Aaron Dorn Dale and Caroline Shipley Dale, 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 Erin Racine. The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource on the *re:Worship* blog. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by John Birch on the website, *Faith and Worship*.

Cover Art: "Take up his cross," by an unknown illustrator of Henry Davenport Northrop's *Treasures of the Bible*, 1894.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist/director. Andrew Risinger is organist.

Today's Music: "Take Up Thy Cross," is based on Mark 8:34-35, which is mirrored in today's scripture from the Gospel of Matthew. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." It first appeared in six stanzas in the poet's collection, *Visions of Death, and Other Poems*, 1833. The hymn first appeared in the Dutch Reformed Church's *Sabbath School and Social Hymns*, 1843. The hymn first appeared in Methodist hymnals in 1878. In our current hymnal, revisions were made to the text for inclusivity. (Carlton Young)

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