

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
September 20, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Amazing Grace..... arr. Craig Phillips

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: Where Charity and Love Prevail Dundee
Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found,
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we
thus bound.

† Opening Hymn No. 185:.....Laudes Domini
When Morning Gilds the Skies

† Call to Worship Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *Come, let us gather with the people of God.*
People: **We gather with hearts full of faith.**
Liturgist: *Come, let us hold fast to the confession of our hope.*
People: **We trust in the promises of God.**
Liturgist: *Come, let us worship the Living God.*
People: **We praise God's name and rejoice in God's presence among us!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Hope,
we confess this morning that we often fail to see
and imagine the world as you do.
We long for things we cannot see, and we miss injustice and the
needs of others right in front of us.
We feel hopeless from the tragedy and pain we see in the world,
and we overlook the ways you are already making all
things new.
Too often we do nothing when we should take action,
and we remain silent when we should speak.
Too often we put our trust in wrong places instead of trusting you.
Forgive us, Lord. Restore our confidence in you.
Let us provoke one another to love and to good deeds.
Let us share with those in need and work to make sure that
everyone has enough.
Give us endurance to do your will and to persist in hope.
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..... Frank Clement
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.

A lesson from the New Testament: Hebrews 10:32-11:3

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

Children's MomentCarol Cavin-Dillon

Sermon:.....Rev. Dr. Emilie Townes
Searching for Paradise in a World of Theme Parks

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church

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: My Eyes for Beauty Pine.....Hebert Howells
My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace; no other care nor
hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed
from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love,
'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
is lit from eyes that mirror part of the celestial fire. (Robert Bridges)



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 all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Note: activities at the church are on a modified schedule 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: Creation Day 4 panel from West End's Old Testament window, designed by Nicola D'Ascenzo (1871-1954).

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

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

Today's Music: Ira Sankey, good friend of hymn author Fanny Crosby, once related this story about the comfort "Blessed Assurance" provides: "During the recent war in the Transvaal," said a gentleman at my meeting in Exeter Hall, London, in 1900, 'when the soldiers going to the front were passing another company whom they recognized, their greetings used to be, "Four-nine-four, boys; four-nine-four;" and the salute would invariably be answered with "Six further on, boys; six further on." The significance of this was that, in *Sacred Songs and Solos*, a number of copies of the small edition of which had been sent to the front, number 494 was 'God be with you till we meet again'; and six further on than 494, or number 500, was 'Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine'" (*My Life and Sacred Songs*, p. 69)

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SENDING FORTH

† 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!**

† Closing Hymn No. 369: Blessed AssuranceAssurance

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake, O Sleeper (vs. 5) Amazing Grace
For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell

† *The congregation is invited 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 L. Sullivan and Emmie Jackson McDonald
by Cathy Sullivan and Hunter McDonald, III.