

# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## GATHERING



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
 May 16, 2021 at Eleven o'clock  
 Ascension Sunday

2200 West End Avenue  
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Voluntary: Psalm – Prelude, Set 1, No. 2 ..... Herbert Howells  
 But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves  
 in the abundance of peace. (*Psalm 37:11*)

Welcome ..... Erin Racine  
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 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: I Will Arise and Go to Jesus ..... Alice Parker  
 I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.  
 In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms!

† Opening Hymn No. 173: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies ..... Ratisbon

† Call to Worship ..... Katie Minnis  
 Liturgist: *We show our love for God in the ways we follow the teachings of  
 Christ.*

People: **We worship God when we love others.**

Liturgist: *We are too often swallowed by fear and despair.*

People: **We worship God when we lean into peace.**

Liturgist: *Make your presence known to us O God.*

People: **We worship you, O God, as we strive to listen to your Holy  
 Spirit.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Merciful Lord,**

**sometimes it seems like we can't help but lose our way  
 again and again.**

**Our hearts long to follow you, but you know the way of the human  
 heart.**

**You know how in our misguided longings we veer off our journeying  
 to you and begin to chart our own ways.**

**Forgive us.**

**Forgive us when we forget that we are already claimed by you,  
 loved by you, and purposed for you.**

**Forgive us when we allow ourselves to shape and be shaped  
 by voices and words that do not bring life, create life,  
 nurture life, sustain life, or resurrect life.**

**In your immeasurable love, grace, mercy, and wisdom,  
 do not abandon us, regardless of how often we lose our way.**

**We hold fast to your loving presence as we continue our journey this  
 day. 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  
 to 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 ..... Brandon Rich

**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 Gospel: John 14:23-29

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Left Behind .....Erin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith ..... 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: Peace I Leave With You .....Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.

Not as the world giveth, I give you.

Let not your heart be troubled.

† 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!**

#### SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 188: Christ Is the World’s Light..... Christe Sanctorum

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: And Are We Yet Alive (vs. 6) ..... Dennis

**Let us take up the cross, till we the crown obtain,  
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.**

Voluntary: March in D Op. 56, no. 2.....Alexandre Guilmant

† *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 by Irwin and Jeff Fisher to the glory of God and in memory of Frances, Tommy, and Ed Edwards and to celebrate the marriage of Carolyn Edwards Fisher and Benjamin Max Eisemann.

James Michael Salato, III, son of Jay and Kristin Salato, is presented for baptism today.



*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!*

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Liturgy written by Katie Minnis. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from “A Prayer for When We’ve Lost Our Way Again” by Enuma Okoro from the book *A Rhythm of Prayer*.

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Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle.

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps, organist-director. Andrew Risinger, organist.

Today’s Music: Rev. F. Pratt Green, author of “Christ Is the World’s Light” is one of the best-known of contemporary hymnwriters in the world. His writings appear in practically every new hymnal and "hymn supplement" wherever English is spoken and sung. Rev. Green was born in Liverpool, England, in 1903 and lived to the age of 97. Ordained in the British Methodist ministry, he had been a pastor and district superintendent in northern and southern England. He wrote hymns his entire life but began writing prolifically after retiring from regular ministry. In his obituary he is quoted as saying, “Singing hymns is such a dangerous activity...you get this glow which you can mistake for a religious experience.”



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