

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHERING

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*)

WelcomeErin 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: I Will Arise and Go to JesusAlice 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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Robb Bigelow

**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 BehindErin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchBrandon 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 YouAmy 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.



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Ascension Sunday

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† 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, will be presented for baptism today in the late service.



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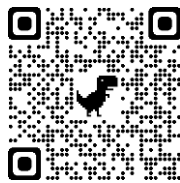
Liturgy written by Katie Minnis. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from “A Prayer for When We’ve Lost Our Way Again” by Enuma Okoro from the book *A Rhythm of Prayer*.

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Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle.

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps and Andrew Risinger, organists. Brett Scott is guest conductor today.

Today’s Music: Today we welcome Dr. Brett Scott, Associate Director of Choral Activities at the College Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, OH. At CCM he conducts the Chorale, along with teaching classes in conducting and choral literature. He has also taught at the University of Rochester and the Eastman School of Music. Dr. Scott is also the conductor of Musica Sacra, a vocational chorus dedicated choral masterworks, and Coro Volante, a professional chorus dedicated to recording contemporary choral music.



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