

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 6, 2021 at Eleven o'clock
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Voluntary on a Modal Theme (no. 12).....Paul Benoit

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Jubilate DeoLaszlo Halmos
Jubilate Deo! Everybody listen!
Sing a song of praise all you who love Christ!

† Hymn No. 89: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *As the sun makes its way across the sky, we praise our Creator.*

People: Rise and shine and give God glory!

Liturgist: *For the day and for the night; for work and for rest:*

People: rise and shine and give God glory!

Liturgist: *For the earth and its peoples, its plants and animals:*

People: rise and shine and give God glory!

Liturgist: *Let us praise our Creator this morning!*

People: Let us rise and shine and give God glory!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess

that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: And also with you.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)..... Beth Howard

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 Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-5

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Let There Be Light..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith:..... No. 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Erin Racine

The Offering

Offertory Anthem:..... Frederick Hyman Cowen

How Excellent is Thy Loving Kindness

How excellent is Thy loving kindness, O God. Thou visitest the earth and maketh soft with showers. Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness and the little hills are girded with joy. The valleys also are covered over with corn, they shoutest for joy and sing. God hath given me of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine. He will love thee and bless thee; He will also bless the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine. (Adapted from Deuteronomy 7:13)

† 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!

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are
 ful_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes_ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Christ has died, Christ is_ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus_ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
 Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

Hymn after Communion No. 630:.....Gelobt Sei Gott
 Become to Us the Living Bread

Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
 People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
 Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
 People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
 Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
 People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 147: All Things Bright and Beautiful Royal Oak

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen No. 898

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Voluntary: Praise to the Lord, the Almightyarr. Craig Phillips

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
 All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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The altar flowers today are given by Helen Gaye Brewster in memory of her mother, Martha Helen Lord Ashworth.

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Liturgy written by Erin Racine.

Cover Art: "Creation Day 4: the Two Great Lights" from the six days of creation panels in our Old Testament window, designed by Nicola D'Ascenzo (1871-1954), rendered by the D'Ascenzo Studios in Philadelphia, PA, and given to the church by Wade C. Owen, "to the glory of God and to making beautiful His home."

Music Participants: Members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs. Kyle Collier, tenor. Matthew Phelps, organist-director. Andrew Risinger is organist.

Today's Music: Frederic Hyman Cowen was a nineteenth-century English composer, conductor, and pianist. He was a prolific composer of oratorios, operas, and symphonic works. "How Excellent is Thy Loving Kindness" comes from his oratorio, *Ruth*, which was written for the 1887 Three Choirs Festival in Worcester.



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!



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