# WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP June 13, 2021 at Eleven o'clock Third Sunday after Pentecost

2200 West End Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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#### **GATHERING**

Voluntary: ..... ...... Charles Marie Widor Andante Sostenuto from Symphonie Gothique Welcome ...... Brandon Baxter 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: Arise, Shine For Your Light Has Come ...... Ronald A. Nelson Arise! Shine! For your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Opening Hymn No. 116: The God of Abraham Praise ...... Leoni Liturgist: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop and to the valley. People: Help us look forward to where you would have us go. Liturgist: Help us listen carefully to the words of your healing love. People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions. Liturgist: May we, like Moses, reflect the brilliance of God to all whom we People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. Call to Confession † Prayer of Confession (in unison) Holy God, we catch glimpses of your splendor and glory in this world, and yet we fail to acknowledge your image in our neighbors. We have not loved you with our whole selves. We have kept parts of our lives for ourselves, held back from your transforming work. We stray from the paths you would have us follow. We close our minds and hearts to your instructions. Forgive us, God, for turning our backs on you. Have mercy on us for wounding others with our words and actions and inactions. Show us your majesty again, Lord, that we might shine your love throughout the 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!* In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! People: 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.

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 Avery Pierce to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love. We give thanks for all that God has already given you, † People: Avery Pierce, 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. 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 ...... Frederick Rudolph 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 Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35 Response to the Lesson Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Shine On, You Amazing Diamond ......Brandon Baxter

Children's Moment

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada Joys & Concerns of the Church......Erin Racine 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. Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord for he is kind. For his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the God. For his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. (John Milton) † Doxology......No. 95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. **SENDING FORTH** † Closing Hymn No. 451: Be Thou My Vision..... † Benediction † Benediction Response: Alleluia ..... ..... Taizé Alleluia

Voluntary: Allegro Vivace (from Sonata no. 1) ......Felix Mendelssohn

† 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 flowers on the altar are given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ralls Niewold in honor of their new granddaughter, Laura Ralls Brown, born March 24, 2021.

Avery Pierce Prince, daughter of Colin and Whitney Prince, is presented for baptism today.

Elizabeth Scott Snyder "Scottie" was born June 4th to Elizabeth and Andy Snyder. She is welcomed by big brother Rich, grandparents Fabra and Sam Belk and great grandparents Jean and Richard Hart.



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 identity, 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 Maggie Jarrell.

Cover Art: "Moses and the Fire of Sinai" by Darius Gilmont is used by special permission from the artist. Darius tells Pastor Brandon, "I was trying to show the connection between heaven and earth through Moses as the conduit - the 'rays' mentioned in the text, are shown as flowing shapes and colours." This image and many of his other works are available for purchase at https://www.darius-art.com/.

Music Participants: Members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist-director. Andrew Risinger is organist.

Today's Music: "The God of Abraham Praise," comes from a Jewish creedal doxology that is sung during the Sabbath eve service every week in some traditions. Thomas Olivers made a Christological translation around 1770, from which these stanzas are taken. The hymn begins by praising God for His might and power, as displayed through His relationship with His people, and ends by looking forward to when all the people of God will join in everlasting praise around the throne of God in heaven.



## West End United Methodist Church

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