

GATHERING

Voluntary: Two Chorales..... J. S. Bach
Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt, BWV 705
Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott, BWV 721

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Make Me a Clean Heart, O God..... George Thalben-Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 101:.....Duke Street
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

† Call to Worship.....Molly Borneman
Liturgist: *We gather to hear a love story -*
People: **a story of how God so loves the world.**
Liturgist: *Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.*
People: **Jesus calls us to be born of the Spirit.**
Liturgist: *May our worship renew our sense of calling.*
People: **May our worship honor the Author of Love!**


† 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.

† 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*) Brant Phillips
Holy God, as we turn to the scriptures, open our hearts and minds that we might encounter you in the person of Jesus Christ. Be with us as the word is read and proclaimed, that we might know you more fully and follow you more faithfully.

Lesson from the Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: A Meeting of the Minds 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: God So Loved the World Bob Chilcott
God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son
that whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.
(John 3:16)

† Doxology.....No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† 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

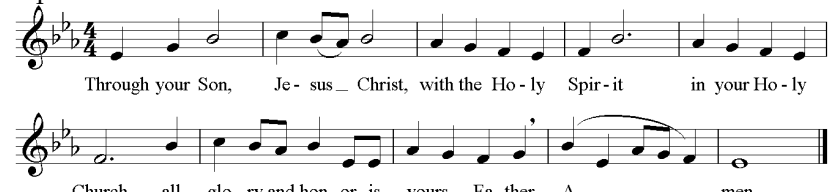
† Sanctus and Benedictus

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 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.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup
The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 287, 297, 388.

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

† Recessional Hymn No. 451: Be Thou My Vision Slane

† Benediction

† Lenten Benediction Response:Tallis Canon
**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
Where meeting Christ our guide and light, we'll live in hope 'til Easter day.**

Voluntary: Prelude (from Trois Pièces).....Gabriel Pierné

*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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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!

The altar flowers today are provided by the Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund. Donations designated for this fund are used on Sundays when there are no individual donors.

A rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Joseph Daniel McAnally who was born on February 26, 2023 to Scott and Liz McAnally. He is also welcomed by his big sister, Merritt McAnally.

The Call to Worship is adapted from a resource by Ann Siddall on the *Stillpoint Spirituality Centre* website.

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Music Participants: Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger is organist-director. Matthew Phelps is assisting at the organ. Patricia Cullum, soprano.

Today's Music: The composer, John Hatton, lived for a short time on Duke Street in St. Helens, formerly Lancashire, now Merseyside, thus the tune name for our processional hymn, "From All That Dwells Below the Skies." This tune entered our hymnals as "Newry" in *The Methodist Harmonist*, 1821.



IT'S DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Each Spring, West End Members bring daffodils from their yards to share a little sunshine with our members who are no longer able to come to church. We will collect flowers in the gym and arrange them during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome to help arrange flowers and prepare them for delivery. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ through this caring ministry.

JOIN US MARCH 22 FOR SUPPER AND STORYTELLING

As part of celebration of our 150th year, we are excited about a very special event on Wednesday, March 22. Join us in the 4th Story Theater at 6 p.m. to hear members of the West End family tell stories from days recent and long past. People of all ages will be sharing, and it will be a fun night of celebration for all of us. If you'd like to gather for supper beforehand, you can RSVP at westendumc.org/wedsdinner. Come join the fun!

LENTEN NOON CONCERTS CONTINUE MARCH 9

Our series of Lenten noon concerts continues Thursday, March 9 with the vocal duo Kyle Collier & Rebecca Frame Collier. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon, and admission to all concerts is free. Following the concert, lunch is available at 12:30 p.m. in McWhirter Hall for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts or call the church at 615.321.8500 by noon on Wednesday, one day prior to each concert.

CHORAL CONCERT - PASSION OF ST. MARK

Hear the story of Christ's passion in a dramatic piece of music by composer Charles Wood featuring our Chancel Choir on Sunday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. Rarely performed in the US, this will be a moving experience.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. To find out more about criteria and download applications, visit westendumc.org/scholarships.

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- Text To Give. Text "Give" to 615-697-4010, and the prompts will help you set up from there. Once registered, you can use this option easily going forward.



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