

GATHERING

- Voluntary: Adagio (from Fantasy in C major)César Franck
- Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon
*Please take a moment to record your attendance.
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: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....Dundee
- † Processional Hymn No. 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to SingAzmon
(Verses 1-5, 7)
- † Call to WorshipMaggie Jarrell
Liturgist: *We are pilgrims on the way to the cross.*
People: **We are learning to follow Jesus.**
Liturgist: *On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?*
People: **We find God in ordinary moments of extraordinary love.**
Liturgist: *Come, let us worship God!*
People: **We come to worship the God of love and salvation.**
- † Call to Confession
- † Prayer of Confession (in unison)
**O God of miracles and mighty deeds, we acknowledge
your healing and comforting presence in our lives.
We confess that we are drawn toward certainty
rather than faith.
Open our hearts to a new way of being.
Send your anointing,
and grant us fresh insight for spiritual breakthroughs.
Shine the light of your truth into our relationships,
and grant us victory over every secret and shame.
We thank you for the many ways you heal and renew our lives.**
- † 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: **Glorify 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
**Glorify 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

- Lenten Prayer for Illumination.....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. Amen.**
- A lesson from the Gospel: John 9:1-17, 35-38
- Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- Children's Moment
- Sermon: The One Who Sees Carol Cavin-Dillon
- † Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada
- Joys & Concerns of the Church.....William Miller
- 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.**
- Ministry Moment: Restoration Pointe.....Bobby Lee Smith

Offertory: Be Thou My Vision Bob Chilcott
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
great heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.
(Early Irish, tr. Mary Byrne)

- † 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.**

SENDING FORTH

- † Recessional Hymn No. 378: Amazing GraceAmazing Grace
- † 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:Maurice Duruflé
Fugue on the Theme of the Carillon of the Hours of Soissons Cathedral
*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*
- † *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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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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The altar flowers are provided with love in memory of Barbara and Bill Richards by Gary and Barbara Richards Haugen.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Walker "Harris" Dale on March 1st to Caroline and Aaron Dale. He is welcomed also by siblings, Hawkins and Evie Clare Dale.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Carter Ruth Donald on March 11th to Rebecca and Chris Donald. She is welcomed also by sister, Wesley Grace Donald.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are by Junius Dotson, *The Africana Worship Book, Year A*, edited by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua (Discipleship Resources, 2006), 141.

Bulletin Cover: "Jesus cures the man born blind," by Jesus Mafa. Over a period of time a Christian group in Cameroon acted out scenes from the New Testament, and then they decided to preserve those scenes in art. This is among a number of pieces produced by them in 1973.

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

Today's Music: John Newton was ordained for ministry in the Church of England in the early 1760s, and in 1779, collaborated with William Cowper to publish *The Olney Hymns*, one of which was the now famous "Amazing Grace," our recessional hymn. Originally titled "Faith's Review and Expectations," Newton's hymn included six stanzas. Most hymnals today use the first four stanzas from Newton's text, as well as a fifth anonymous stanza first found in *A Collection of Sacred Ballads* (1790) and sung along with Newton's text ever since.



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!

LENTEEN NOON CONCERTS CONTINUE MARCH 23

Our Lenten Noon Concert Series continues with a solo piano recital from Matt Phelps. 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.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

VBS is June 12-15 this year 5-7pm. Children 3 years old by June through rising 5th grade are invited to join us for Hero Hotline VBS this summer! Cost is \$10 per child and includes a snack supper each evening. Register at westendumc.org/vbs2023. Youth and adult volunteers are needed for VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maggie Jarrell mjarrell@westendumc.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, APRIL 1 AT 9:45 AM

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 1st! We'll have snacks, crafts, hear the Easter Story, and hunt eggs! All ages are welcome. We need volunteers to help hide eggs at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. If you are willing to help, please contact Maggie Jarrell mjarrell@westendumc.org.

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FRIDAY EMAIL?

One of the ways to find out what's going on in our church is to sign up for our Friday eNews at westendumc.org/enews.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at westendumc.org/give. Here you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift.
- 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.

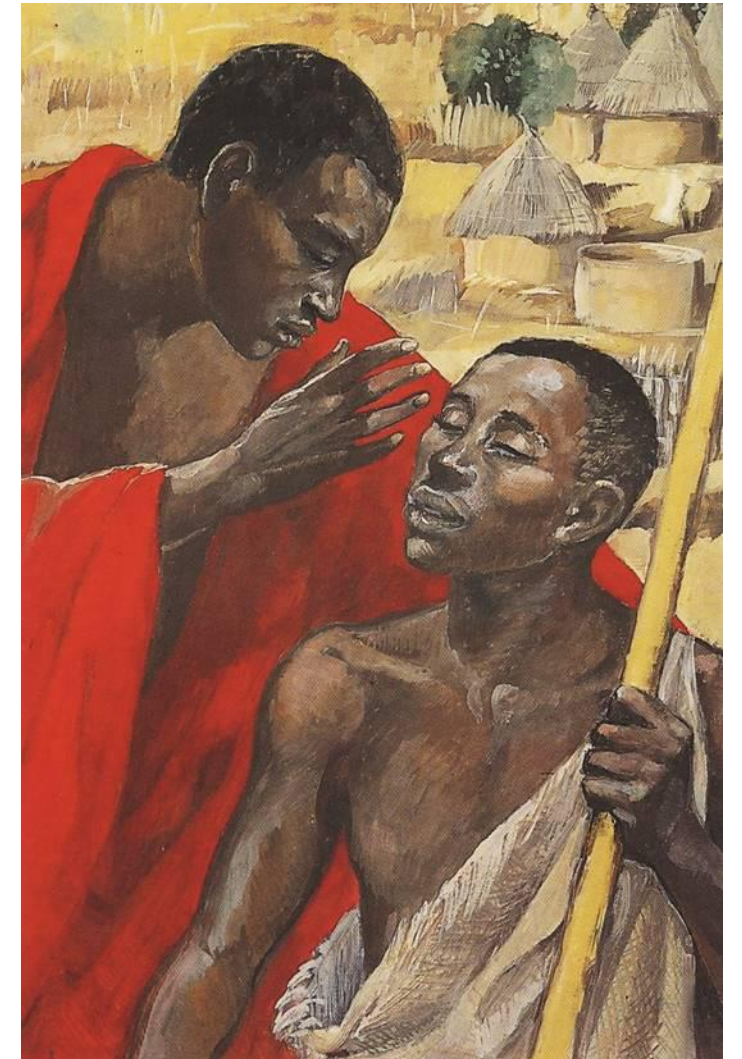


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