

GATHERING

Voluntary: Allegretto from *Sonata IV*Felix Mendelssohn

WelcomeCarol 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 that we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Christ is ArisenHans Leo Hassler

† Processional Hymn No: 62:Last Uns Erfreuen
All Creatures of Our God and King
(Verses 1-3, and 7)

† Call to WorshipStacey Harwell-Dye
Liturgist: God you have done great things for us!
People: **Lord help us to remember.**
Liturgist: God, you call us to trust in you.
People: **Lord help us to follow where you lead.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God,
you have made your presence and love known among us throughout the generations.
You have empowered us to serve you and serve others in your name. But too often we forget.
We forget what you have done for us.
We forget the call you place on our lives.
We turn away from people who are suffering.
We choose comfort and easy answers.
Forgive us God.
Help us to remember.
Help us to be faithful to you every day.
Help us to take the next right step.

† 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.

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, so that he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him 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 Timms Goodall to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*
† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Timms Goodall, 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.**

† Musical Response.....No. 611, st. 1
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.....Ed Zinkiewicz
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: Joshua 4:1-7 and Judges 4:4-10

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: What Do These Stones Mean?Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Nancy Parker

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: We Walk by Faith Kenneth T. Kosche
We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
But in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are with full and endless sight.
Henry Alford, 1844

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 529: How Firm A Foundation

† Benediction

† Benediction Response:..... Alleluia no. 1
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to God's name.

Voluntary: Fughetta de Concert..... Alexandre Guilmant

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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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Murrey and George S. Dibrell, Elizabeth Dibrell and Alden H. Smith, George Dibrell Smith, Alden H. Smith Jr, and Judith Gray Walton Smith, by their family.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Lucas James Banker to Marta and James Banker, Jr on March 27, 2023 in Corte Madera, CA. He is welcomed also by his brother, Nico, and his grandparents Jean Ann and Barry Banker.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Mary Irwin "Wynne" Corcoran to Francie and Tom Corcoran on April 4, 2023. She is welcomed also by her aunt and uncle Carolyn and Ben Eisemann and grandparents Irwin and Jeff Fisher.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Sterling Elle Meadows to Taylor and Eric Meadows on December 11, 2022. She is welcomed also by siblings Preston and Eli.

Timms Goodall Brown, son of Jerrod and Ann Ralls Brown, is presented for baptism today.

The Liturgy was written by Maggie Jarrell.

Bulletin Cover Art: "The Children of Israel Crossing the Jordan River," by Gustave Doré, was one of his many engravings published in *La Sainte Bible* in France in 1865. This bible was the classic French equivalent of the *King James Bible*.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Risinger is organist-director.

Today's Music: "How Firm a Foundation" is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. The first verse acts almost as an introduction to the rest of the text, giving us cause to stop and ponder the Word of assurance that God has given us, described in greater detail in the next four verses. Those four verses are in fact paraphrases of Scripture passages: Isaiah 41:10, 43:2, Romans 8:3-39, Hebrews 13:5, and Deuteronomy 31:6. In the words of this hymn then, we carry with us the Word from God, and the call to trust in that Word. But God's Word is expansive and not limited to letters on a page - the fifth verse moves us to a trust in the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ.

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!

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.



Welcome Pastor Shannon and Family

Join us this morning in Reed Hall between our worship services for a reception welcoming Pastor Shannon Baxter and his family to West End UMC.

Interested in Joining West End?

Our next 4-week membership class begins this morning at 9:45am in McWhirter Hall. No registration is required. If you cannot make this class session, but would like to find out more about West End, contact Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org.

Opportunities for Advocacy Today in the Gym

We have a few opportunities available for you to live out your call as a United Methodist to support social justice. First, we have an opportunity for you to write community leaders and let them know your support for gun reform. There is also a chance for you to join with other church members to sign letters in support of Creation Care to legislators. Finally, members of West End's NOAH core team (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope) are having a *Snack and Chat* to listen to what concerns you have about Nashville and beyond and to bring to the NOAH Issues Convention, which will set NOAH'S priorities for the next four years. Head down to our gym and take advantage of these opportunities!

Bible Thru The Year - Large Group Gathering

Our second large gathering for *Bible Thru the Year* will be on Sunday, April 30, from 5 - 7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. We will have a baked potato and salad bar for this gathering. We will gather at 5 p.m. to eat and the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Part of our time together will be spent in conversation around our tables, so be sure and bring your thoughts and questions with you. Please RSVP at westendumc.org/largergroupgathering by April 24 to let us know if you would like to eat or if you will just be participating in the Bible Study.

The History of our Sanctuary Windows

As part of our yearlong celebration of our church's 150th Anniversary, join us on Sunday, May 7 for *Lunch and Learn with Heath Jones* to learn about the history and meaning in our beautiful sanctuary stained-glass windows. We will gather in the 4th Story Theater for a time of lunch together before Heath leads us in a presentation about our windows. After we learn about the families represented in the windows, the meanings of symbols chosen, and more, we will tour the Sanctuary to see the windows up close and in person in a whole new light. Lunch is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Please RSVP at westendumc.org/lunchandlearn to let us know you will be attending and eating lunch with us.

Service of Choral Evensong • Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir will sing a service of choral evensong in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m. Led by Andrew Risinger, conductor and guest organist, Malcolm Matthews, the service will include music of Joseph Barnby, Herbert Howells, Paul Spicer, and Charles Wood. We invite everyone to join in this service of prayers sung and spoken...a time to forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.

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.

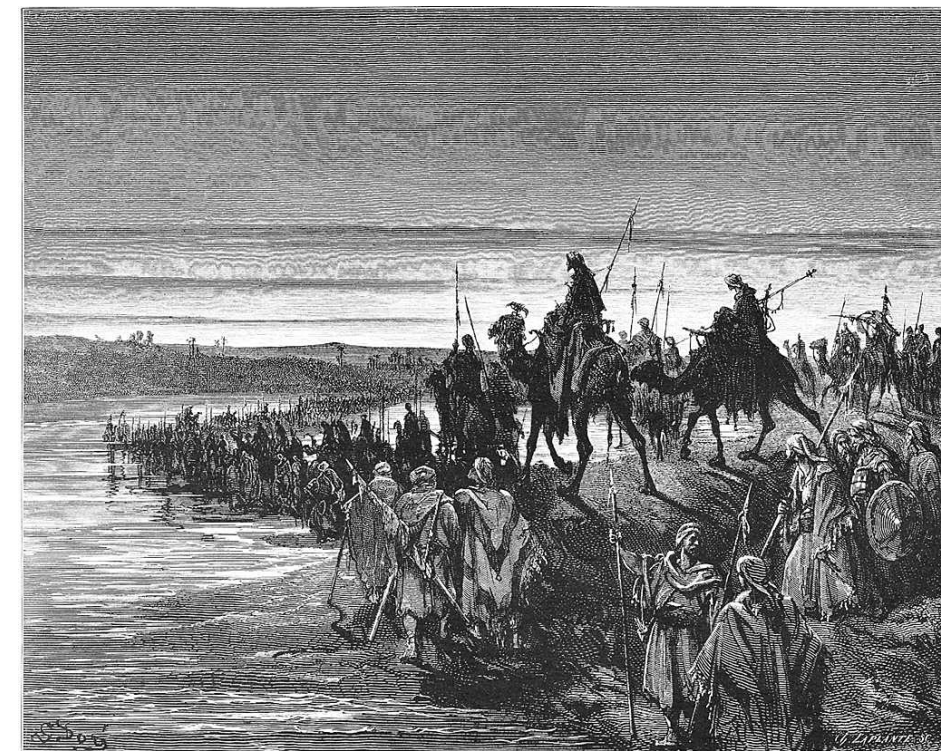


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