

GATHERING

Voluntary: Fantasy in E MajorHarold Darke

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon
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: All That Hath Life and BreathRene Clausen

† Processional Hymn No. 173Ratisbon
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

† Call to WorshipErin Racine
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.
People: God's love is everlasting.
Leader: Our God is a mighty God.
People: Our God loves justice for all.
Leader: Exalt the Lord our God.
People: Let us worship the Lord, for our God is most holy.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God of all people,
we thank you for your steadfast love.
Forgive us when we ignore your mercy.
Forgive us when we hoard your gifts,
protect our interests over the needs of the marginalized,
and hide your grace from others in the name of comfort.
Give us the strength and courage to take your gifts
and pass them on to the world, even when it's risky,
so that all may live in your steadfast love.**

† 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.**

Anthem: I Will Not Leave You ComfortlessAnthony Joule
I will not leave you, will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.
I go and come again to you. Alleluia.
And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.
I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.
(from Proper for 2nd Sunday after Ascension)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Theresa Santillan
**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 2 Kings 7: 3-9

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

† Hymn No. 121: There's a Wideness in God's MercyWellesley

Children's Moment

Sermon: What Next?.....Rev. Dr. Herbert Lester

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

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..... Open Table Nashville

The Offering

Offertory: Ascendit DeusPeter Philips
God is gone up with a merry noise,
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
He gave gifts to all, Alleluia.
(Psalm 47:5)

† DoxologyNo. 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

Commissioning of the Guatemala Team
**Almighty God,
whose love for the whole family of humankind
has been made known to us through Jesus,
send your blessing upon these, your servants,
soon to go forth to join you in mission
with the people of Guatemala.
Grant that they be guided and strengthened for their task,
that they be open to new truths and insights from their hosts,
and that they be given good health and traveling mercies;
to the end that your name be glorified in all the earth
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Recessional Hymn No. 166 Sine Nomine
All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: God be With You Till We Meet AgainRandolph
**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

Voluntary: Prelude in G minor, BWV 535 J. S. Bach

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

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

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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 table celebrates the birth of Elizabeth Parrish Stevens to Abby and Mark Stevens on April 19th.
She is, also, welcomed by her big brother Wright.

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The call to worship is adapted from Psalm 99. The prayer of confession was written by Matthew Phelps.

Bulletin Cover Art: "These Lepers Went into the Tent," drawn by Charles Joseph Staniland, prolific British artist and illustrator of *The Illustrated London News* in the 1870s and 1880s.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is the director and assists at the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

Today's Music: For our recessional hymn, the tune, "Sine Nomine," literally means "without name" and it is one of four tunes the composer contributed without attribution to the first edition of *The English Hymnal*, 1906. It remains one of the most widely used tunes from the repertory of unison tunes composed in Great Britain in the early part of the 20th century. (Carlton Young)

WAYS TO GIVE

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WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE

Use this QR code and your phone's camera to access today's worship information online.

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.



Ministry Moment in Reed Hall with Open Table Nashville

Today, in worship, we will learn more about their organization in a ministry moment, but you can also talk with them before and after services, Allie Wallace and Will Compton will have a table set up for you to learn more about Open Table, too. Stop by and say hello!

Taize Service of Prayer and Healing

On campus Taize services will be cancelled for tonight, May 21st, as well as in June and July 2023. There will be services from last year re-posted to LiveStream so that you may enjoy these practices from your home while the service is on hiatus. We plan to return to on-campus Taize services in August.

Vacation Bible School

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! The cost is \$10 per child and includes a snack supper each evening. Youth and adult volunteers are needed for VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maggie Jarrell mjarrell@westendumc.org. Register Now at <https://www.westendumc.org/vbs2023>

Be A Mentor This Summer

WEUMC-Bethlehem Centers Summer Junior Internship Program

West End is seeking mentors for Pearl-Cohn students working in Bethlehem Center's summer day care, gardening, and meals programs. West End mentors meet in pairs with interns on Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. from June 8-July 14 at Bethlehem Center on Charlotte Avenue. West End mentors receive training for mentoring high school students and a full set of topics and guidelines for the mentoring sessions. We need 12-15 mentors (a few to serve as back-up mentors in case of absence or travel). Please contact Marcia McDonald at mamcd915@gmail.com or Pastor Stacey Harwell-Dye at sharwelldye@westendumc.org.

Project Transformation Reading Week

Project Transformation is a United Methodist-affiliated ministry that provides leadership development and ministry exploration opportunities to college-age young adults. Working with churches in low-income neighborhoods in Middle Tennessee, these emerging leaders coordinate community-oriented programs for underserved children and youth. In the process, Project Transformation connects site churches with their neighborhood and unites partner churches in mission. Volunteer at westendumc.org/PT or contact Jennifer Hoffman with questions at 615.665.2340 or jenniferhoffman@outlook.com.

West End Scholarships Awarded

The West End Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the awards for the 2023-2024 academic year! Six deserving students will receive a total of \$55,780 from the Blakemore, Rodes, Castles, and Casparis scholarship funds. These students will be enrolled in Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, The School of Art at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, Emerson College, the University of Memphis, and Vanderbilt University Divinity School. We congratulate our six awardees and wish them well in these graduate programs! With many thanks to Reverend Carol Cavin-Dillon, Jayme Yeo, Kay Gabbert, Susanne Frensley, Marcia McDonald, and Ty Finch for their conscientious collaboration throughout this important and rewarding process. Bonnie Seay, Secretary

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"These lepers went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment."—2 Kings vii. 8.

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 21, 2023 at 11 o'clock
Ascension Sunday

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