

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on “Spirit of the Living God” ..... Malcolm Archer

Welcome ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon  
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Introit: Spirit Divine, Accept Our Prayers..... Johann Crüger

† Processional Hymn No. 475 .....Down Ampney  
Come Down, O Love Divine

† Call to Worship ..... Frances Merritt  
*Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!*  
**People: May the flames of faith dance in our hearts.**  
*Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!*  
**People: May our confused speech become Good News for the world.**  
*Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!*  
**People: May compassion be seared into our souls.**  
*Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!*  
**People: May the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**O God, you are always doing a new thing,  
yet we confess that we sometimes close windows  
against the fresh air of new ideas,  
against the noise of other people’s worries,  
against the winds of change.  
God of every place and time,  
we confess that we often draw the curtains  
against people who are different,  
against the needs of others  
in our community and around the world.  
Forgive us for insulating ourselves in our homes  
and in our hearts.  
Open our lives to the fresh wind of your Spirit,  
that you might do a new thing  
in and through us.**

† 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: Come, Holy Ghost.....Thomas Attwood  
Come, Holy Ghost our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire:  
thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart:  
thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight:  
anoint and cheer our soiled face, with the abundance of Thy grace.  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home where Thou art Guide no ill  
can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and Thee of Both, to be but One;  
that through the ages all along this may be our endless song,  
praise to Thy eternal merit, Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Beth Howard  
**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 .....Nehemiah 2:11-13, 17-18

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

† Hymn No. 331 Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us .....For the Bread

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Let Us Rebuild! ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Shannon Baxter

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.**

The Offering

Offertory: Cum Sancto Spiritu (from *Gloria*) .....Antonio Vivaldi  
And with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.  
(sung in Latin)

† 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

Welcoming of New Members  
Commendation and Welcome  
Liturgist: *Family of God, Sydney, Paul, and Cate are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*  
**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you 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.**

† Recessional Hymn No. 500 ..... Morecambe  
Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God ..... Daniel Iverson  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Voluntary: Toccata in B Minor.....Eugene Gigout

† *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.*

*If you need assistance in hearing the worship service,  
a hearing device is available for you in Reed Hall or the Narthex.*

*The altar flowers today are given by Earl and Helen Gaye Brewster in memory of  
Helen's mother, Martha Helen Lord Ashworth.*

*A rose on the table celebrates Charlie May Chamberlin,  
born on May 20, 2023, to Ellie and John Chamberlin.*

*In addition to new member Jennifer Fox,  
Jack William Mobley, son of Mark and Lisa Mobley,  
was presented for baptism today at the 8:45 worship service.*

*We welcome new members to West End UMC:  
Emily Schleh, Lauren Ward, and Jennifer Fox at our 8:45 service,  
&  
Sydney Crowley, Paul Cook, and Cate Clem at our 11 o'clock service.*

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Liturgy was adapted by Erin Racine from resources on the RevGalBlogPals website.

Bulletin Cover: "Nehemiah's Night Journey," created by contemporary artist, Robert H. Flores, in 1999.

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

Today's Music: Bianco da Siena was an Italian monk who wrote poems called *laudi spirituali* in the fourteenth century. A collection of his poems was published in 1851 at Lucca. One of these, "Discendi, amor santo," is the basis for the English translation of "Come Down O Love Divine," by Richard F. Littledale in *The People's Hymnal* in 1867. Littledale translated four of the original eight stanzas, but most hymnals omit his third (beginning "Let holy charity") for a consistent three-stanza text. This hymn is addressed to the Holy Spirit. Although the third Person of the Trinity is not specifically named until the very last line of the hymn, it is clear through the terms "O Love divine" and "O Comforter" that the Holy Spirit is the one to whom this prayer is addressed.



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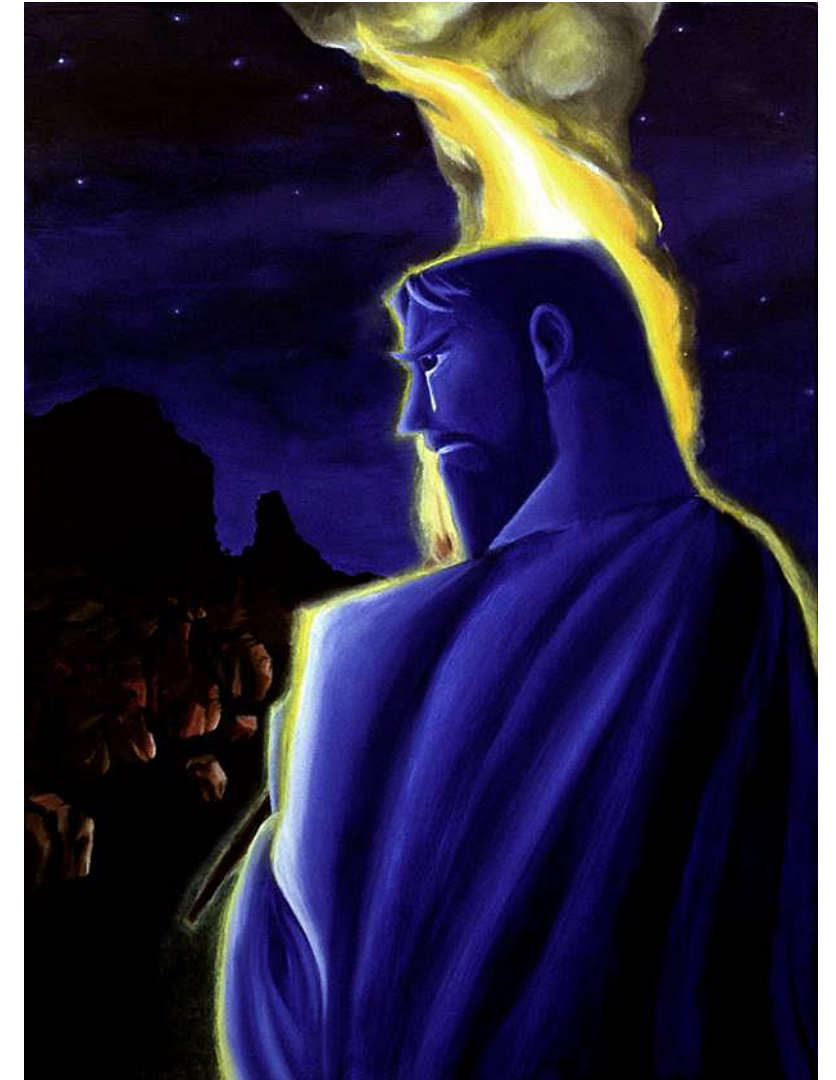
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*Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that 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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