

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Aria .....Charles Callahan

Welcome..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

*Please take a moment to let us know you are here today by either filling out the attendance form in the pew or by clicking on the attendance form online. † If you are a first-time guest with us today, please share a way to connect so that we can share more information about West End UMC with you!*

Introit: Day by Day .....Harold Friedell

† Processional Hymn *TFWS* No. 2001 ..... Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>  
We Sing to You, O God

† Call to Worship .....Kay Gray

*Liturgist: Before we are formed, God knows us and calls us.*

**People: Lord God, we give you thanks!**

*Liturgist: Let that knowledge fill our hearts and bring us joy.*

**People: It is with joy that we offer our lives in service to God, trusting in God's grace!**

*All: Lord God, we give you thanks!*

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**All people are your beloved, O God,  
yet sometimes we hide our eyes from that truth.**

**Selective blindness causes us to doubt ourselves  
and to look down on others.**

**We forget that Jesus Christ came  
to redeem all, and we have lived with walls  
around our hearts and our homes.**

**We doubt the work God does  
to perfect this world and all its inhabitants  
and doubt the part each of us plays  
in creating beloved community.**

**Forgive us Lord for our blindness,  
both out of ignorance and intention.**

**Open our hearts to the beauty of a unified call  
to make you known.**

† 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 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

**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 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 Wells Everett 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, Wells Everett, 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 1

**Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sigh:  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Lucy Majors

**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 ..... Jeremiah 1: 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: An Unpopular Prophet ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Church.....Will McLeane

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: God Be in my Head ..... Andrew Carter

God be in my head and in my understanding,  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking,  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,  
God be in my heart and in my thinking, and  
God be at mine end and at my departing.  
*(Book of Hours, Sarum 1514)*

† 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 Grace  
Amazing Grace

† Benediction

† Benediction Response ..... Spirit of the Living God

**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 ..... Josef Rheinberger  
Pastorale, Con Moto from Sonata no. 3

*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*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

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

*The altar flowers are given by the Sunny Day Club  
in honor of our present members and volunteers  
as well as those who have gone before us.  
The Sunny Day Club is beginning its tenth year  
of providing respite care and is seeking new members and volunteers.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Ruby Iris Page  
who was born on July 4th to Hannah Fletcher-Page and Daniel Page.  
She is welcomed also by big sister Penelope.*

*Wells Everett Bach, son of Kevin and Jenny Bach,  
will be presented for baptism today.*

*Today's liturgy was written/adapted by Shannon Baxter.*

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**Bulletin Cover:** "Jeremiah on the Ruins of Jerusalem," painted in 1844  
by the French artist, Émile Jean-Horace Vernet. Vernet's father and  
grandfather had also been artists.

**Music Participants:** The Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Risinger is the  
organist/director with Matthew Phelps assisting at the organ.

**Today's Music:** The tune for our processional hymn, "Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>,"  
first appeared in Aaron Williams' *The New Universal Psalmoldist*, 1770,  
where it was set to a paraphrase of Psalm 148. In 19<sup>th</sup> century British  
hymnals, it was used with "Ye Holy Angels Bright," and in our  
hymnals it became identified with "Rejoice the Lord is King." "We Sing  
to You, O God" is by Luther Seminary faculty member Gracia Grindal.  
(Carlton Young)

*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!*

# WEST END

United Methodist Church



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