

**GATHERING**

Voluntary: All Glory Be to God on High, BWV 675 .....J. S. Bach

Welcome..... Will McLeane  
*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: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....Dundee

† Processional Hymn No. 185 .....Laudes Domini  
When Morning Gilds the Skies

† Call to Worship .....Emily Robbins  
*Liturgist: Sing to the Lord a new song;*  
**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**  
*Liturgist: Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;*  
**People: tell of God's salvation every day.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**God of Living Waters,  
we have hope that one day  
Ezekiel's vision of water and new life  
will come true.  
But we also know  
that we have a long way to go to get there.  
Forgive us for the ways  
we have harmed your creation.  
Forgive us for the ways  
we have harmed our neighbors.  
Forgive us for the ways  
we have rebelled against your love.  
Forgive us, O God, and help us forgive.  
Turn our hard hearts into hearts of flesh.  
May we be people of love, mercy, and justice.**

† 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 .....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.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination .....Henry Howerton  
**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 .....Ezekiel 47:1-12

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Everything Will Live ..... Will McLeane

† Affirmation of Faith .....UM Hymnal 883  
**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..... Stacey Harwell-Dye

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: At the River..... Copland, arr. Wilding White  
Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

† 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**

Commissioning of the Youth Mission Trip (in unison)

**Ever-present God, send your blessing on our youth and adults who will join you in service with the people of Macon, GA and Daytona Beach, FL. Surround them as they travel. Whether they get tired, blisters, overwhelmed with information or can't wait each morning to see what is new - help them to know that you are with them.**

**Give each team member patience and kindness. Strengthen this team with energy and endurance. Help them to embrace this opportunity to grow together as a group.**

**Give them time to listen for you and time to share their lives with others. Help them to remember that they are serving your children of all ages. Help them to remember that the world you love includes people in gas stations, restaurants, individuals that they will be helping and everyone they encounter.**

**We ask all these things so that your name will be glorified through their lives - through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

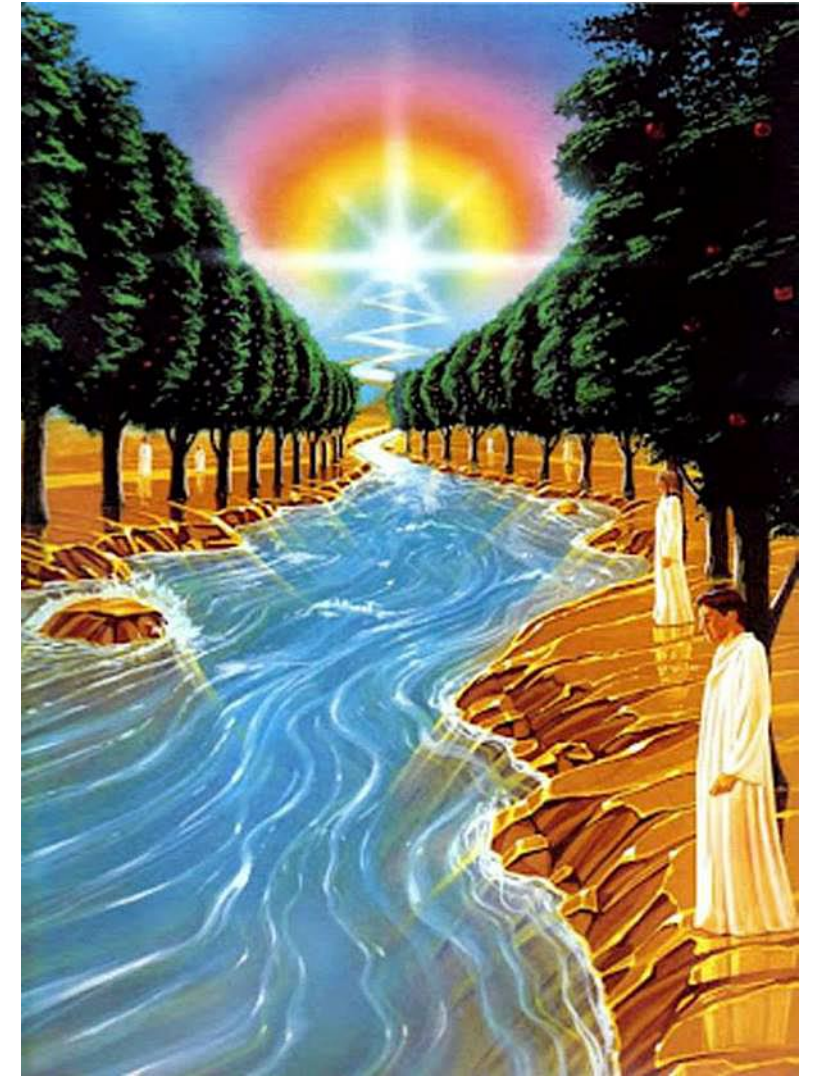
**Bulletin Cover Art:** "The Mighty River of Ezekiel 47" is an unattributed contemporary painting found on the Dwelling in the Word website.

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

**Today's Music:** "The Ash Grove," the tune name for our recessional hymn, is a traditional Welsh folk song that has been used for numerous hymn texts. It was first published in 1802, though it may be much older - a similar tune having appeared in John Gay's "The Beggars Opera" (1728). "Let All Things Now Living" by Katherine K. Davis is the most famous text associated with this tune.

# WEST END

United Methodist Church



*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!*

**Order of Morning Worship  
July 16, 2023 at Eight Forty-Five  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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† Recessional Hymn *TFWS\** No. 2008 ..... The Ash Grove  
Let All Things Now Living

† Benediction

† Benediction Response .....Awake, O Sleeper (vs. 5)  
**For us Christ lived, for us he died,  
and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
and Christ shall give you life.**

Voluntary: Prelude in C Major, BMV 545 ..... J. S. Bach  
*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.*  
\* *The Faith We Sing (Pew Edition)*

**ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

*Livestreams and videorecording happen during our church and worship events.*

*The altar flowers are provided by a church family in honor of Andrew Risinger in appreciation for his great music and many years of dedication and service.*

*Virginia Douglass Tucker, daughter of Kara and Harrison Tucker, will be presented for baptism today at the 11 o'clock service.*

*Today's liturgy was written/adapted by Maggie Jarrell from Psalm 96.*