

**GATHERING**

Voluntary:..... arr. Craig Phillips  
If You Will Only Let God Guide You

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: Come Ye That Love the Lord..... Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No 66 ..... Lauda Anima  
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† Call to Worship .....Stacey Harwell-Dye  
*Liturgist: The word of the Lord came to Jonah.*  
**People: The word of the Lord comes to us.**  
*Liturgist: O God, may we be willing to listen diligently to you;*  
**People: open our ears to hear you more clearly.**  
*Liturgist: Give us courage to accept your call*  
**People: as we gather to worship you.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**God of mercy,**  
**we trust in your unconditional love for all of creation.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we have created**  
**a love with conditions, allowing status**  
**to overtake your steadfast love.**  
**Forgive us for the moments we have failed**  
**to lead with love, allowing our disagreements**  
**to determine our treatment of each other.**  
**Forgive us for the times we have grown angry**  
**with your call, allowing our discomfort**  
**to overshadow your love for humanity.**  
**Like the people of Nineveh,**  
**may we be more willing to acknowledge**  
**our wrongdoings and turn to you**  
**for guidance and healing.**  
**Open our hearts and minds to the wonders of your mercy.**

† 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 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.**

Solo: Lord God of Abraham (from *Elijah*) .... Felix Mendelssohn  
Draw near, all ye people, come to me!  
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,  
This day let it be known that Thou art God,  
And that I am Thy servant!  
Lord God of Abraham!  
Oh show to all this people  
That I have done these things according to Thy word.  
Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!  
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,  
Oh hear me and answer me,  
And show this people that Thou art Lord God.  
And let their hearts again be turned!

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination ..... Brandon Rich  
**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..... Jonah 3:1 – 4:5

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

† Hymn No. 385 Let Us Plead for Faith Alone .....Savannah

Children's Moment

Sermon ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon  
The Uncontrollable Mercy of God

† Affirmation of Faith..... No. 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 .....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: The God of Love My Shepherd Is..... Thomas Tallis

The God of Love my Shepherd is, and he that doth me feed;  
While he is mine and I am his, what can I want or need?  
He leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest;  
Then to the streams that gently pass: in both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert, and bring my mind in frame;  
and all this not for my desert, but for his holy name.  
Yea, in death's shady black abode well may I walk not fear;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod to guide, thy staff to bear.

Nay, thou dost make me sit and dine, even in my enemies'  
sight: My head with oil, my cup with wine runs over day and  
night. Surely thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all my  
days; And, as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.  
(George Herbert)

† 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..... Dundee  
God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways  
(see bulletin insert)

† Benediction

† Benediction Response..... Dennis  
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

Voluntary..... Bach/Krebs  
"Little" Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 557

*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

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Virginia and Percy Wilkins by their family.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Anna Frances Von Lunen  
on July 21<sup>th</sup> to Carolyn and Matt Von Lunen. She is welcomed by sister  
Ruthie, grandparents Laura and Rob Riley, aunt and uncle  
Lindsay and Robert Riley, and cousins Sallyann, Carolyn,  
and Laura Leigh Riley.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Rainey Jean Schoen  
on July 24<sup>th</sup> to Allie and Eric Schoen. She is welcomed also by  
grandparents Skip and Nancy Phipps and aunt and uncle  
Rob and Alyssa Phipps.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Bennett Michael Wolfe  
on July 25<sup>th</sup> to Dale and Liz Wolfe. He is welcomed also by big  
sister Emma and grandparents Scott and Ellen Wolfe.*

*Today's liturgy was written/adapted by Molly Borneman.*

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**Bulletin Cover Art:** "Jonah's Last Lesson" by an unknown  
Italian master dated to the Middle Ages.

**Music Participants:** The Chancel Choir. Matthew Phelps is  
director and assisting at the organ. Andrew Risinger is  
organist/accompanist. Patrick Dunnevant, baritone.

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