

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: Day by DayHarold W. Friedell
Day by day, dear Lord of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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

† Call to WorshipStacey 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Mary Mitchell
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.

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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Offertory: Dear Lord, Creator of Us All..... C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord, creator of us all, forgive our foolish ways; re clothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives, thy service find, in deeper rev'rence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe thro' the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

(John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872)

† 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.*

*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 Christopher "James" Smillie, Jr.
on July 11th to Taylor and Chris Smillie.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Anna Frances Von Lunen
on July 21th 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 24th 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 25th 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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