



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
AUGUST 6, 2023 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## GATHERING

Voluntary: *Cantilène Improvisée*.....Tournemire, trans. Duruflé

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 visiting [westendumc.org/attendance](http://westendumc.org/attendance).  
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: *My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread*..... Miller

† Processional Hymn No. 139..... Lobe den Herren  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

† Call to Worship .....Shannon Baxter  
*Liturgist: Rejoice, people of God! Sing aloud and be glad!*  
**People: The Lord has removed our judgment,  
and we will no longer fear evil.**  
*Liturgist: God showers us with love, grace, and peace.*  
**People: We offer our thanks and praise to you today, O God, for  
the goodness you pour into our lives!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our  
neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

† 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.**

† An Act of Praise

### Antiphon



*Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship  
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*  
**All: (Antiphon)**  
*Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*  
**All: (Antiphon)**  
*Choir: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*  
**All: (Antiphon)**  
*Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone  
are the Most High, Jesus Christ.*  
**All: (Antiphon)**  
*Choir: With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*  
**All: (Antiphon)**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination .....Anita Schmid  
**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.....Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: *Rejoice and Do Not Fear* ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† 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 ..... Maggie Jarrell

Salutation  
*Liturgist: The Lord be with you.*  
**People: And also with you.**  
*Liturgist: Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *A Psalm of Worship* ..... Jean Pasquet  
I will praise Thee, O Lord, my God, with all my heart:  
I will glorify Thy name forevermore.  
For great is Thy mercy toward me.  
Lord, Thou has been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst  
formed the earth  
From everlasting to everlasting  
Thou art God. (Psalm 86, 90 adapted)

† 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.**

† Thanksgiving  
*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*  
**People: And also with you.**  
*Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.*  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are

ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

**People:**

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

**People:**

Through your Son, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly

Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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,  
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: \*TFWS 2238; UMH 629, 624.*

Prayer after Receiving

*Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.  
People: Now we give ourselves for others  
Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;  
People: as a people of love we will serve you with joy.  
Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;  
People: help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.*

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 529: *How Firm a Foundation* ..... Foundation

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: *Alleluia*.....Jacques Berthier

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Voluntary: *Allegro Marziale* .....Frank Bridge  
*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.  
\* *TFWS—The Faith We Sing (Pew Edition)*

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

*In gratitude for her steady leadership and abiding faith  
and in honor of Reverend Carol Cavin Dillon's birthday,  
the alter flowers are given by the Staff Parish Relations Committee.*

*Today's liturgy was adapted by Shannon Baxter from today's scripture,  
Zephaniah 3:14-20.*

### Music Participants

The Chancel Choir / Matthew Phelps: Director, Assisting at Organ  
Andrew Rising: Organist Accompanist

### Today's Music

For over two centuries, "How Firm a Foundation" is a hymn that has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. The first verse acts almost as an introduction to the rest of the text, giving us cause to stop and ponder the Word of assurance that God has given us, described in greater detail in the next four verses. In the words of this hymn, we carry with us the Word from God, and the call to trust in that Word. But God's Word is expansive and not limited to letters on a page – the fifth verse moves us to a trust in the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Thus, we are assured by the words we sing, the Word we are given, and the Word made flesh, of the steadfastness of God and His unfailing love.

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"The Prophet Zephaniah," painted by the French artist James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836-1902), who was a prolific creator of art from Biblical characters and stories.

### WEST END UMC STAFF

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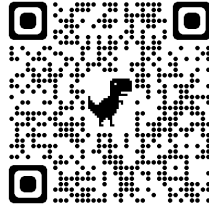
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## A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church! 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, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Scan this QR Code or visit [westendumc.org/links](https://westendumc.org/links) to register your attendance with us, find out more about our Sunday Morning Classes, sign up for our weekly email, and learn more about the different ways to give at West End.



## PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

- ♦ Sympathies to the family and friends of Sally Ahner, who passed away on August 1st. The service will be Saturday, August 12 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary with visitation following.
- ♦ **Surgery and Hospitalization:** Don Pierce, Becky McNamee, Cris Jarrell, Allie and Raney Schoen
- ♦ **Prayer Requests:** Dean McIntyre, Ike Isenhour, Lorene Ferree, Barbara Cragg, Russ Connell, and Jewell McGhee-Rader

If you have an emergency and need to contact one of the Pastors after hours, please call 615.321.8500, Ext. 8853. The Pastor on Call for July 10-16 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter.

To submit a prayer request, Visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

West End UMC announces a Request for Qualifications from artists for the commissioning of new work that offers diverse perspectives and understandings of God and the people of God, both historically and today, for the church's art collection. Artists must be local to the Nashville area. Black, Indigenous, People of Color and LGTBQ+ artists are especially encouraged to submit their portfolios. The deadline to submit your portfolio for consideration is August 31 at 11:59 p.m. Award details and submission instructions are available at [westendumc.org/art-inclusion](https://westendumc.org/art-inclusion).

## REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND YOUTH ENSEMBLE AND BELLS

It's time to register for the 2023/24 Children's Choir and Youth Ensemble and Bells. Visit [westendumc.org/childrenschoir](https://westendumc.org/childrenschoir) or [westendumc.org/youthmusic](https://westendumc.org/youthmusic) to find out more!

## REGISTER NOW FOR OUR CHURCH-WIDE FALL RETREAT

We are having a church-wide Fall Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly this September 15-17. Don't miss this intergenerational time of study, fellowship and fun. Space is limited, so register now at [westendumc.org/fallretreat23](https://westendumc.org/fallretreat23).

## AUGUST SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY BEGINS TODAY

Join us this morning in the 4th Story Theater as West End member Tom Lee leads us through a study of Bishop Ken Carter's book, *Unrelenting Grace: A United Methodist Way of Life*. Bishop Carter's book shows us how to come together to embrace grace, seek holiness, and build meaningful connections to promote strength and healing. As we wrestle with the effects of the pandemic, social disruption, and conflicts, "Unrelenting Grace" offers guidance for stepping into the future as individuals and as a community of faith. As a special bonus, Bishop Carter will join us for the class on August 20!

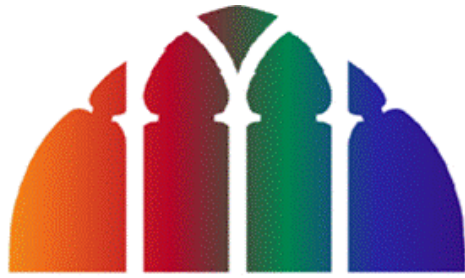
## NEWSLETTER MAILING HELP NEEDED

We need help to prepare our fall newsletter for mailing. We will be in Room 310 on Friday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m. If you can make it, email Julie Catterton to let her know at [jcatterton@westendumc.org](mailto:jcatterton@westendumc.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Do you love kids? Do you love Bible stories? Would you be willing to share the love of God with children? Then we would love to have you volunteer for children's ministry in the 2023-2024 school year! We need Sunday school teachers who serve 1-2 Sundays a month throughout the school year and Children's Church volunteers who serve one Sunday every other month (or more often if you like!) throughout the year.

Contact our Children's Pastor Maggie Jarrell at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org) for more information and to volunteer to share the loving light of Christ with West End kids!



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