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LENT 2024

WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 3, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andante Sostenuto from *Symphonie Gothique* C. M. Widor

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. 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: Never Further Than Thy Cross Orlando Gibbons

† Processional Hymn No. 126: Sing Praise to God Mit Freuden Zart

† Call to Worship Will McLeane

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† 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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Ed Zinkiewicz

Awakening God, stir our imagination by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, in receiving your Word, we might humbly walk toward the new world of mercy and justice you are creating in our midst. Amen.

A Lesson from the Gospel.....Mark 10:46-52

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: A Merciful MessiahCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883Maggie Jarrell

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

Salutation

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

Prayers of the People

Offertory: Come Unto MeBob Chilcott

Come unto me,
all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;
for I am meek and lowly in heart;
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
(Matthew 11:28-29)

† 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

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

Prayer of Consecration

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, 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: **287, 296, and 299.**

† 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. 295: In the Cross of Christ I GloryRathbun

† Benediction

† Benediction Response, No. 441: What Does the Lord Require, v. 3.....Sharpthorne



All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the work - er toils,



think not to win God's aid, if greed and com-merce soils. Do



just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum-bly with your God.

Voluntary: Toccata in G Minor.....Johann Pachelbel

*The voluntary 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 provided with love in memory of Barbara and Bill Richards and Ella and Al Haugen by Gary and Barbara Richards Haugen.

The flowers in Reed Hall are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ty Finch, by his family.

A rose is on the table in honor of Conrad James Belk, the son of Forbes and Michelle Belk, who was born on February 6th. He is welcomed by his big brother Sam, his grandparents Fabra and Sam Belk, and his great grandparents Richard and Jean Hart. He is also welcomed by his Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle Andy Snyder and cousins Rich and Scottie Snyder.

Today's liturgy was adapted by Rev. Aimee Baxter.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist

Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

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“In The Cross of Christ I Glory,” was probably inspired by Galatians 6:14: “But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (ESV). The first stanza expands on this verse, while the second and third stanzas deal with the meaning of the cross in times of pain and pleasure, and the peace and joy it brings regardless of circumstance. The fourth stanza summarizes the previous ones.

Haydn Mass in G major
Bach Cantata no. 78, Jesus, You are My Soul

LENTEN CHORAL CONCERT

Featuring Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Matthew Phelps, conductor

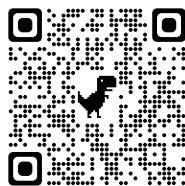
March 3, 2023 ♦ 4:30 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

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 identity, 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 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

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Alicia Haines; Anne Webber; Ruth L. Cate; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; Tennessee State Legislature Session; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those affected by the recent tornadoes; peace in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine.

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 March 4-10 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING ♦ OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

Our Lenten special offering will go to the work of Open Table Nashville. This organization exemplifies the emphasis on both mercy and justice by providing tangible goods that help keep people alive while experiencing homelessness, as well as walking with them to housing. They provide excellent training and advocate alongside those without homes in the halls of the legislature against laws that criminalize homelessness. West End has a special relationship through our sponsorship of one of their street outreach workers. The Lenten special offering goes towards our goal of \$10,000 to support the salary of one of these workers. Give at westendumc.org/give.

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING ♦ REJOICE SCHOOL OF BALLET

Motivated by Christ's love, Rejoice School of Ballet empowers youth to realize their potential by training, nurturing and celebrating dancers from diverse racial, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Our relationship with Rejoice Ballet also involves hosting them for shows, so we encourage you not only to give generously, but to see their shows when they are performed in our 4th Story Theater. You can give online at westendumc.org/give.

MERCY AND JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Over the 40 days of Lent, there are numerous ways you can live into our calling to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, and we have found several opportunities where we can engage as a community of faith. Check out the different ways to be involved and register to participate at the Lenten Mercy and Justice Hub on our website. Visit westendumc.org/mercyandjusticeopportunities to find out more.

♦ **Justice Day On The Hill** ♦ **March 20** - Join with Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP) as we gather at the Cordell Hull Building to meet our legislators and educate them about the problems with Tennessee's death penalty.

♦ **NOAH and West End Night** ♦ **March 20** - West End is in faithful advocacy alongside other churches through NOAH (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope). Join us for a time of dinner and conversation with our West End NOAH team as well as NOAH Lead organizer Brian Zralek as they lead us in a time of learning about the work we have the opportunity to do through NOAH. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM and the program goes from 6 - 7 PM.

CHILDREN'S FAITH MILESTONE EVENT :: MARCH 3

Each year, we celebrate Faith Milestones with our children at West End. Our Faith Milestone program is designed to partner with families to find ways for children and families to grow in faith at church and at home. We are excited to bring three of our Milestones together to make one big celebration! We will be learning about Worship, Baptism, and Holy Communion with our Kindergartners, 1st Graders, and 2nd Graders on Sunday March 3. For more information, please contact Maggie Jarrell, Pastor to Children and Families, at mjarrell@westendumc.org.

LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY GATHERING :: MARCH 3

There will be a gathering for those in our LGBTQIA+ Community to discuss spiritual life needs that might be unique to this community. Clergy and lay leadership invite anyone interested to come share in fellowship and conversation, hopes and dreams for our shared life at West End UMC. We will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 3 at Fletcher Foster’s home (133 Jocelyn Hills Dr, Nashville). If you have any questions, please email Rodney Pickett at rodneypickett615@gmail.com.

TRAUMA INFORMED DE-ESCALATION TRAINING :: MARCH 5

Open Table Nashville will host a Trauma Informed De-Escalation Training at West End from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This training will better equip you to understand what is happening before and during escalations, to be prepared with intervention strategies, and to feel more equipped to step in and assist. Register at westendumc.org/training.

FIRST WEDNESDAY WITH LINDSEY KRINKS :: MARCH 6

Join us in McWhirter Hall on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. for a conversation led by Lindsey Krinks about how we might faithfully engage in our learnings from our Lenten reading, her book entitled *Praying with Our Feet: Pursuing Justice and Healing on the Streets*. We are expectant that our time together will lead to tangible ways we can embody God’s mercy and justice for our neighbors in Nashville. At 5:15 p.m., we will share a meal together. Please register at westendumc.org/firstwednesday by Tuesday.

LENTEN NOON CONCERT :: MARCH 7

Our Thursday Lenten Noon Concert series continues with organist, Andrew Risinger who serves as Organist & Associate Minister of Music here at West End UMC. Andrew’s program will include music of Bach, Franck, and Vierne. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon. Lunch is available in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 p.m. for \$12. Lunch requires reservations. Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts.

‘FROM PRAYER TO PEACEWORK’ SMALL GROUP :: MARCH 10

Do you long for a deeper prayer life but don’t know where to begin? Have you ever felt disturbed by our modern culture of aggression and violence? Do you feel called to explore life’s beautiful mysteries, paradoxes, and spiritual challenges? Consider joining the small group *From Prayer to Peacework* with fellow travelers on the road to living the Peace of Christ. By grounding ourselves in meditation on the truths of the Sermon on the Mount, we will explore these beatific paths to peace by cultivating loving-kindness in our souls, by learning the mystic way of prayer from the heart, and by witnessing the stories of two angelic troublemakers who made peace their vocations, Bayard Rustin and Dorothy Day. Beginning March 10, *From Prayer to Peacework* will meet Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) in Room 204. Contact Rev. Will McLeane (wmcleane@westendumc.org) for more information.

GIVE LIFE ♦ GIVE BLOOD ♦ BLOOD DRIVE :: MARCH 14

On Thursday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West End will be hosting a Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome, too. Visit westendumc.org/blooddrive to make your appointment and find out more information.

♦ **Can’t give but still want to help?** We need home made treats to give to our donors. You can bring by baked cookies, brownies, granola bars, biscotti, cakes, etc that day or the day before. Please let Stacey (sharwelldye@westendumc.org) know if you plan to bring so we can anticipate the need to purchase any snacks to put out. Thanks!

R.I.P. MEDICAL DEBT :: MARCH 17

Over 100 million people living in America, one in three, struggle with the pressure of medical debt. Through our church member, Dr. Trey Harrell, we learned of an organization that can wipe out medical debt for pennies on the dollar. For every \$100 we raise, \$10,000 of debt will be eliminated! We would like to raise \$10,000 to eliminate \$1,000,000 worth of debt!

Our big push will be on March 17 but we will keep giving open throughout the month. To find out more or to make a donation, visit westendumc.org/rip.

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP TO SAGER BROWN :: APRIL 13-20

We are going to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 13-20! We’d love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down our hygiene kits, cleaning kits, and menstruation kits that have made this year. We’ll assist at the depot, do projects around town, and learn about our connectional response to disasters around the globe through the good work of UMCOR. We will have a free day to explore New Orleans as well. Register here at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

WEST END STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers

- Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
- Rev. Will McLeanePastor of Spiritual Formation
- Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children and Families
- Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye Pastor of Mercy and Justice
- Rev. Shannon Baxter ..Pastor of Congregational Connection
- Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Pastor of Young Adults
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- Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music
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