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LENT 2024

WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 17, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

Voluntary: If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 647 J. S. Bach

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: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days.....Richard Redhead

† Processional Hymn No. 103: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

† Call to WorshipStacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

People: that we may learn God's ways.

Liturgist: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

People: that we may follow as God leads.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**

Loving God,

when we read Jesus' call to be unselfish servants, we are embarrassed

because we know how hard we work to get our own way;

we know how much we want to be first in every line;

we know how greedily we grab for the most of everything; and,

we admit to dreams of winning every game, every prize, every award.

Even when we try to follow your example, we find that we think first

about ourselves and what we want and need.

Forgive us, and remake us into people who love and serve others.

You did not give up on James or John, or any of the other self-

centered disciples. And you will not give up on us.

Instead, you keep loving and forgiving and teaching us.

Help us to be people who will act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

† 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 Jeff Irwin

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 10:35-45

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Children's church is located in Scales Chapel, which is down the hall from the sanctuary.

If it's your first time, a grown-up should please follow us after the children's moment to drop off. Pick up will at the same location immediately following the service.

Sermon: Just Keep WalkingCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883Shannon Baxter

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

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.**

Ministry Moment: RIP Medical Debt.....Trey Harrell

Offertory: Do Not Be Afraid..... Phillip Stopford
*Refrain: Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. *(Refrain)*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. *(Refrain)*

You are mine, O my child, I am your father,
and I love you with a perfect love.
(Gerard Markland)

† 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 No. 415: Take Up Thy CrossGermany

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: What Does the Lord Require of Us, v. 1.....Sharpthorne



What does the Lord re - quire but praise and of - fer-ing?



What sac-ri-fice, de - sire, or tri - bute did you bring? Do



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

Voluntary: Fugue in D minor (from *Organ Sonata no. 6*) Felix Mendelssohn

*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 and gratitude for the life of Jewell McGhee-Rader by the Rader family.

Today's liturgy was written by Maggie Jarrell with the Prayer of Confession being adapted from the online post "Worship for Kids: October 17, 2021" on ministrymatters.com.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

"Take up Thy Cross" is based on Mark 8:34-35, mirrored in Matthew and Luke, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." It first appeared in six stanzas in the poet's *Visions of Death and Other Poems*, 1833; it was first included in a hymnal in the Dutch Reformed Church's *Sabbath School and Social Hymns*, 1843. (Carlton Young)

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

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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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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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

♦ Sympathies to Rachel Marlowe and family as they mourn the death of her grandmother Martha Marlowe.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Charles Gladwyn Harding, Alicia Haines; 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 caring for them; those affected by 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 18-24 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. 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 in our 4th Story Theater. You can give online at westendumc.org/give.

RIP Medical Debt

March 17, 2024



West End UMC will join together to help eliminate medical debt

We crushed our original goal of raising \$10,000 to eliminate \$1,000,000 of medical debt already; so, we decided to dream bigger! Our church-wide fundraising goal is now \$25,000, which will erase \$25,000,000 in debt. Our big push is today, and we encourage you to give generously. To make a donation, visit westendumc.org/rip.

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. Just as health care is an industry, medical debt is a commodity and it is often sold by hospitals, doctors, and other health care businesses to third parties for pennies on the dollar. These third party companies can then try to collect this debt for profit.

RIP Medical Debt is a nonprofit organization that buys medical debt and then simply forgives it, reminding us of the instructions we are given in Deuteronomy 15: 1-2, 7-8, 11 to establish a year for canceling the debts of the most vulnerable. Giving is open throughout the month. To make a donation, visit westendumc.org/rip.

LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICE :: MARCH 17

Quiet the mind, open the heart, feed the soul. Join us for a Lenten Taizé worship service in the Sanctuary this afternoon, March 17 at 5 p.m.

CHAT AND CHEW LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS

All undergrad and graduate students are invited to join us for free lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Meet Pastor Aimee in the back of the church after the service and we will head out to eat together.

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. Find out more at westendumc.org/TADP.

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 5:15 PM and the program goes from 6 - 7 PM. RSVP at westendumc.org/noah.

LENTEN NOON CONCERT :: MARCH 21

Our Thursday Lenten Noon Concert series concludes with violinist, Denise Baker and pianist, Susan Snyder. Denise has had a long tenure with Nashville Symphony and is also concertmaster for the Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra; her program will include music of Bach and Debussy. 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.

IT'S AN EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA :: MARCH 23

Come on Saturday, March 23 to find out about God's Easter surprise as we hunt for eggs and fellowship together! Parents and children will gather in McWhirter Hall for crafts and snacks, a short story time, and then our Egg Hunt! The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m. All activities will end by 11:15 a.m. In case of rain, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held indoors on the 4th floor of the church. For more information or to volunteer to help with Egg Hunt, contact Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org.



HOLY WEEK AT WEST END UMC

Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, March 24 ♦ 8:45 and 11 a.m. ♦ Sanctuary

Covenant School Service of Lament and Hope

Wednesday, March 27 ♦ 6:30 p.m. ♦ Calvary UMC

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28 ♦ 7 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 ♦ 12 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

Community Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 ♦ 6 p.m. ♦ Gordan Memorial UMC

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.

NEW SMALL GROUPS FORMING

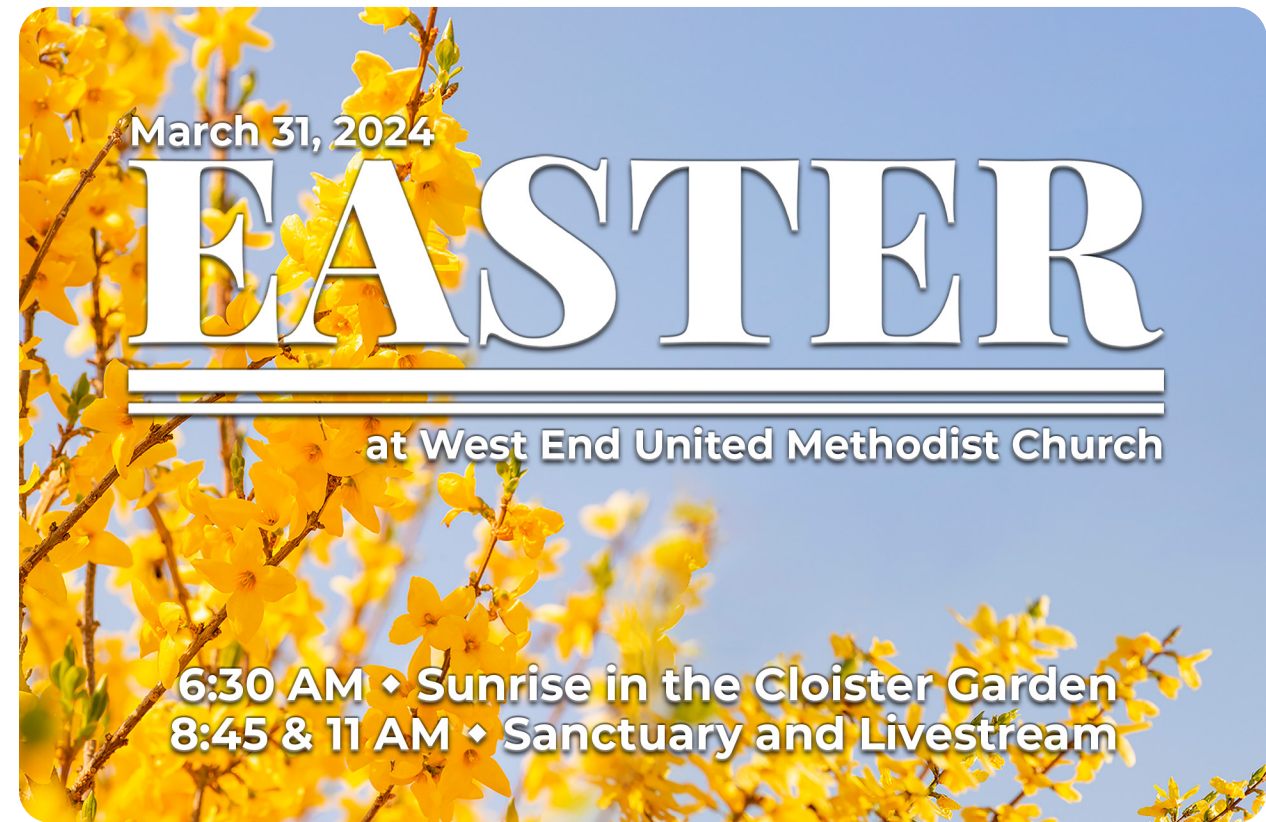
Over the course of the next month, we are inviting you to consider joining new small groups as they form and are announced through our various church communications. This week, we invite you to consider joining a "Shared Journey" group that will meet twice a month (2nd and 4th Sundays) in the Green Hills area from 4-6pm. The group's first meeting will be March 24th. "Shared Journey" groups will follow the worship, preaching, and discipleship seasons of WEUMC (Ex. Lent: Mercy and Justice) as they center their shared life together in God's transforming grace. If you have interest or questions about any group, contact Rev. Will McLeane at wmcleane@westendumc.org.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The West End Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2024 - 2025 academic year. Deadline for receipt of all application materials is Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 5 p.m. Visit westendumc.org/scholarships to find out more.

ACCESS YOUR REALM ACCOUNT

Realm is our church membership database, and each person can have their own profile that will allow you the ability to update your information, communicate with your small groups and more. If you do not have a Realm profile yet, visit westendumc.org/realms to request an email invitation today.



JOIN US FOR EASTER BRUNCH

Join us for Easter Brunch in the Gym during the Sunday School hour. Don't miss this a well-loved West End tradition.

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church on Easter Sunday. Childcare will be available for birth thru age 2.

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE ON EASTER MORNING AT WEST END

On Easter Sunday, we experience our largest attendance of the year. To prepare for the increase, here are a few things you need to know.

♦ **Alternate Parking** - Please help make room for our guests! West End attendees are invited to park at the Caterpillar garage and walk over to worship. The garage can be accessed off Louise Avenue on Hayes Street. Use the intercom to tell the guard that you are with West End UMC. Following worship, you will re-enter the garage via the pedestrian door on Hayes Street using the intercom.

♦ **Make Room In The Pews** - We are expecting a large number of worshipers on Easter Sunday and want to have a seat for everyone. Please use the coat racks in the breezeway and Reed Hall or put your jackets behind you. Purses and backpacks should go in your lap or underneath your seat.



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