

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Meditation ..... Gabriel Dupont

Welcome ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

*Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center.*

*First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.*

Introit: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....Dundee

Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found,  
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

† Opening Hymn No. 117: O God, Our Help in Ages Past .....St. Anne

† Call to Worship .....Brandon Baxter

Liturgist: *By faith, we trust that we were created in the image of God.*

People: **By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.**

Liturgist: *By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.*

People: **By faith, we till the soil of our lives and plant seeds of love.**

Liturgist: *By faith, we trust in God's presence and follow where God leads.*

People: **By faith, let us worship God together.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Almighty God,  
we are not always people who live by faith.**

**We know that we were created in your image,  
yet we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not  
honor your presence within us.**

**We know your laws and your commandments,  
yet we choose to disobey you and to act in ways  
that harm our neighbors.**

**We hear your call to reach out to those most in need,  
yet we turn our backs on them and on you.**

**Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day  
to become more faithful followers and the people  
you created us to be.**

† 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 of 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include this child now before you in your care?*

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live  
according to the example of Christ. We will surround this  
child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he  
may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to  
be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Luca Joseph  
to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his  
faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you,  
Luca Joseph, and we welcome you in Christian  
love. As members together with you in the body of  
Christ and in this congregation of The United  
Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to  
participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by  
our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and  
our witness, that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

† Musical Response .....No. 611, st. 1

**Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign:  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination ..... Beth Howard

**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 New Testament: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 400: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing .....Nettleton

Children's Moment

Sermon: Looking to Jesus.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith .....No. 883  
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Joys & Concerns of the Church .....Erin Racine

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: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies .....Healey Willan  
(Text can be found in the hymnal, no. 173)

† 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

† Closing Hymn No. 708: Rejoice in God's Saints .....Hanover

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound..... Land of Rest

**Together met, together bound we go our different ways,  
And as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: Fantasy on St. Anne .....James Pethel

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.  
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services  
and worship events.*

Everyone is welcome at West End! 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!

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The altar flowers are given in memory of Beverly Hiester by her daughter and son-in-law, Meredith and John Eason.

Luca Joseph Matthews, son of Laura and Susan Matthews is presented for baptism today.

Lillian Leamon Walton, daughter of Will and Amber Walton, was presented for baptism at the early service today.

The liturgy was adapted from a resource by Carrie Bower on the Presbyterian Church (USA) website.

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Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

Today's Music: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" was written by Isaac Watts in 1714, shortly before the death of Queen Anne of England. This was a time of great crises and turmoil, as the successor of Queen Anne was as yet undetermined, and the fear of a monarch who would reinstate the persecution of Protestants was great. King George I prevented such persecution, but the fear before Anne's death was great. This was the context in which Watts wrote his powerful text, now lauded as "one of the grandest in the whole realm of English Hymnody" by hymnologist, Albert Edward Bailey.

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#### SMALL GROUPS AT WEST END UMC

*Connecting With Others · Deepening Relationships · Growing in Faith*

The Spiritual Formation Team at WEUMC invites you to consider joining small group in fall 2022! Small groups are just what they sound like, a small gathering of people who come together around various topics, interests, or affinities. Rather than one-size fits all Bible studies or activities, small groups choose their own focus, when and how to meet, and duration (if your Group prefers to meet for a few weeks; a few months; or longer). We will provide a simple guide booklet, possible content resources, and support. We are always launching new small groups and seeking out potential members and facilitators. If you have not found a place to connect more deeply with other folks at West End, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faithful relationships with one another. If you have questions about Small Groups, contact Pastor Brandon at [bbaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:bbaxter@westendumc.org). To express your interest in Small Groups, fill out our brief interest survey by visiting [westendumc.org/smallgroups](https://westendumc.org/smallgroups).



# WEST END

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR HABITAT

Habitat NEEDS YOU this Friday August 26 and Saturday August 27th to build a house for a family in Nashville. We are **critically low on volunteers**. Find out more and pick your date at [westendumc.org/habitat](https://westendumc.org/habitat).

#### JUBILEE SUNDAY AND ENGAGEMENT PARTY IS AUGUST 28

We're launching into Fall at West End UMC! We want to celebrate on Sunday, August 28 in worship with choirs, organ and brass at 8:45 or 11 a.m. Then, join us in the Gym all morning for our Engagement Party where you can learn about all ways to engage in ministry in and through West End. If you need to worship from home right now join us in real time over Livestream. Let this be a Sunday we when celebrate the West End connection with one another.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WEST END

Wednesday Nights at West End are back starting August 24! Take a moment in the middle of your week to fellowship with other believers and encounter God. It starts with Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:15 p.m. Children Choirs and the new Encounter worship service begin at 6:15 p.m. Find out more and RSVP for dinner at [westendumc.org/Wednesday](https://westendumc.org/Wednesday).

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

Join us this August for another season of Children's and Youth music at West End UMC.

- Children's Choirs will meet on Wednesday nights beginning August 24 from 6:15-7 p.m. Register your child now at [westendumc.org/childrenschoir](https://westendumc.org/childrenschoir).
- Youth Ensemble and Bells will meet on Sundays. Register at [westendumc.org/youthmusic](https://westendumc.org/youthmusic).

#### JOB OPENING -CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR

WEUMC is seeking a Genesis Choir Director to lead music for children ages 3-Pre-K. This is a new position with a start date of August 24th. If interested, please apply on the church's website at <https://www.westendumc.org/job-application>

#### DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FRIDAY EMAIL?

One of the ways to find out what's going on in our church is to sign up for our Friday eNews at [westendumc.org/enews](https://westendumc.org/enews).

#### WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at [westendumc.org/give](https://westendumc.org/give). Here you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift.
- Text To Give. Text "Give" to 615-697-4010, and the prompts will help you set up from there. Once registered, you can use this option easily going forward.

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE



Use this QR code and your phone's camera to access today's worship information online



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