



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
MAY 12, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE  
ASCENSION SUNDAY

## GATHERING

Voluntary: I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 639 ..... J. S. Bach  
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word, BWV 731  
Let Us Now Praise Christ, BWV 611

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

† Processional Hymn No. 312: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise ..... Llanfair

† Call to Worship ..... Will McLeane  
Liturgist: Today we celebrate the promise of God's presence with us!  
**People: Receiving the Bread and Cup allows us to experience God's grace!**  
Liturgist: Lord, prepare our hearts that we will be a changed people today;  
**People: changed from the inside out to light the world with your love!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession  
**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 ..... Henry Howerton  
**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 ..... Acts 1:1-11

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.*

Communion Meditation: Commencement Day.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Apostles' Creed, No. 881.....Aimee Baxter  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**  
**the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,**  
**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**  
**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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: If Ye Love Me..... Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

*(John 14:15-18)*

† Doxology ..... No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† 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

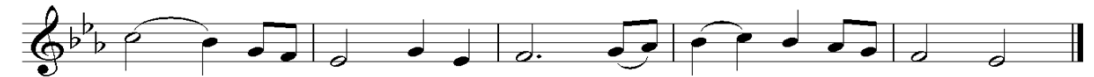
† Sanctus and Benedictus



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

**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

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns:  
311, 613, and 616*

† 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. 308: Thine Be the Glory .....Judas Maccabeus

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord.....Tallis Canon

**Go with us Lord and guide our way through this and every coming day,  
that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Improvisation on *Judas Maccabeus*.....Matthew Phelps

*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 flowers on the altar were donated by Frank and Lynn Clement  
in loving memory of their parents,*

*Gov. and Mrs. Frank G. Clement and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Franklin Moore, Jr.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Thomas Brownlee White, born April 23rd to  
Lee and Alexandra White. He is welcomed also by his grandmother, India Webber, his  
uncle and aunt, Webb White and Leah London, and his cousin, Jack White.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Ann Elizabeth Martin, born May 1st to  
Virginia Ann Ivey Martin and Tom Martin in Dallas, TX. Annie is welcomed also by  
her grandmother, Christy Ivey, her aunt and uncle, Leigh and Jack Hicks and great  
aunt and uncle, Melora and Davis Turner.*

*Today's Call to Worship was written by Reverend Shannon Baxter.*

### Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir

Matthew Phelps: Director / Organist

### Today's Music

For our Recessional Hymn, the tune *Judas Maccabeus* is adapted from Othniel's victorious procession from Handel's oratorio, *Joshua*, 1747, and used by the composer in later versions of *Judas Maccabeus*, 1746. It first appeared as a hymn in Thomas Butt's *Harmonia Sacra*, 1753, "in which it was given in three parts and set to Christ the Lord is risen today." (Watson and Trickett, 1988) The tune was one of John Wesley's favorites as he notes in his journal for March 29, 1774 and March 30, 1787. (Carlton Young)

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## WEST END STAFF

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

**Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon**.....Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Will McLeane** .....Pastor 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  
**Emily C. Robbins**.....Minister of Youth  
**Molly Borneman**..... Pastoral Fellow  
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**Matthew Phelps**.....Minister of Music  
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**Richard Thomas**..... Custodian

## 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](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

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Jane Tai; Kathy Osten; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those mourning the loss of a loved one; peace in Palestine/Israel, Sudan, 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 May 13-19 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## MAY'S COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS RAISE THE ROOF

Raise the Roof develops high-quality education centers, provides community health programs, creates income generating opportunities, and grows alongside local leaders in rural Uganda. Their multi-faceted, participatory approach builds local capacities and long-term relationships to create lasting, community-wide advancement, rather than a transactional supply of assistance. For more information, check out their website at [raisetherooftacademy.org](https://raisetherooftacademy.org).

## MAY: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

To highlight the importance of our own mental health and its effect on our spiritual growth, West End UMC is sponsoring two events for you to participate in!

♦ The first is the NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) Walk to be held on **Saturday, May 18** at the Nashville Sounds baseball stadium. Festivities include a kids “run the bases” event! If you would like to join the walk team or just make a donation to support the work of NAMI, visit our team site at [westendumc.org/namiwalk](https://westendumc.org/namiwalk).

♦ The second will be a presentation by our Congregational Care Intern, Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn, called Mental Health 101. It will be an opportunity to learn terminology, get acquainted with our Mental Health Initiative team, and ask questions about resources and support on **Sunday, May 19 at 4 pm** in the 4th Story Theater.

For more info, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at [sbaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:sbaxter@westendumc.org).

## LGBTQIA+ GATHERING :: MAY 19

We'd like to invite all LGBTQIA+ members to join us on Sunday, May 19, after the 11 am worship service in McWhirther Hall for a lunch gathering. We will have a time to gather together, break bread, and process General Conference. We will also talk about opportunities to serve with West End during Pride 2024 on June 22 and 23.

Visit [westendumc.org/may19lunch](https://westendumc.org/may19lunch) to RSVP. Also, mark the date - June 7 - on your calendar for another gathering at the home of Bryan and Rodney. Details forthcoming.

## ACOLYTE TRAINING :: MAY 19

On Sunday, May 19 from 1-2 pm there will be an acolyte training in the Sanctuary. The Acolyte Ministry at West End is an opportunity for children and youth to lead in our worship services each week by carrying the light of Christ into the sanctuary and back out into the world. Kids who are currently in 3rd grade and older are invited to participate. For more information, email Maggie Jarrell at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org) or visit [westendumc.org/acolyte](https://westendumc.org/acolyte) to RSVP.

## TAIZÉ SERVICE :: MAY 19

The music and liturgy of the Taizé community ground us in practices of stillness, contemplation, and restorative healing. Join us on Sunday, May 19 at 5 pm for a Taizé worship service in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

## VBS 2024 :: JUNE 10-13 :: 5 - 7:15 PM

Join us for a fun summer program for children 3 years old through rising 5th grade! VBS will be 5-7:15 pm each evening and cost \$10 per child. We hope you will join us for a week of learning to trust that God will go with us, lead the way, share wisdom, give us peace, and spark joy as we celebrate the good news of Jesus in our own lives and in the lives of others. Register online [westendumc.org/vbs2024](http://westendumc.org/vbs2024).

Adults are needed to serve as activity leaders and small group leaders, as well as help us with decoration set up and clean up. To volunteer, contact Maggie Jarrell at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org) or Julie Catterton at [jcatterton@westendumc.org](mailto:jcatterton@westendumc.org).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JUNIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This summer, we are pleased to be back at Bethlehem Centers shepherding 14 and 15 year olds in their first experience of work. We meet with the students once a week during their internship. Instead of one on one mentoring, we have switched to a curriculum that engages learning around the world of work that anyone can participate in once, twice, or all six weeks. If you'd like to be part of the junior internship program, please reach out to Marcia McDonald at [mamcd915@gmail.com](mailto:mamcd915@gmail.com).

## JUNE 2 :: POTLUCK AND VOLUNTEER EXPO

One of the gifts of adjusting our summer worship schedule is that it opens doors for more opportunities for us to be together! One of the ways we are taking advantage of that is by hosting Summer Fellowship Activities at 11 a.m. after the worship service. We'll host multiple gatherings, so don't worry if you miss one!

Let's start the summer with a well-loved favorite, a potluck! Bring your favorite entree, side dish, or dessert to the party! RSVP at [westendumc.org/potluck](http://westendumc.org/potluck) and let us know what you plan to bring so we can ensure there is enough for everyone.

At the Potluck, there will be information about ways you can volunteer at the church. From Mercy and Justice ministries to the Youth and Children's ministry, there are so many ways to use your blessed gifts and talents! This is a great time to bring a friend so they can experience the famous West End UMC hospitality and see how we live life together!

## PRINCIPLED FAITH: WESLEYAN WITNESS TODAY

McWhirter Hall ♦ Sundays in June ♦ 9-9:55 a.m. ♦ Young Adult through Adult

2024 is a significant year in the life of our church, country, and world. On the heels of the UMC General Conference and in preparation for the US General Election, we will ground ourselves in our Wesleyan heritage as we engage in holy conversation around some of the pressing issues of our contemporary moment. Together we will explore how Scripture, the witness of the saints, and our United Methodist Social Principles offer us direction as we wonder "how we might live" both as individuals and as Christ's Church.

## GIVE LIFE :: GIVE BLOOD :: BLOOD DRIVE :: JULY 14

On Sunday, July 14, from 8 a.m. to 12 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](http://westendumc.org/blooddrive) to make your appointment and find out more information.


## TECH SUPPORT TEAM FORMING

The West End Family NEEDS YOU! You who easily deal with issues on your phone or your laptop: you may be somebody's offspring or grandchild who frequently answers questions. You meet challenges of a family member who is puzzled by some aspect of a computer device or just won't deal with it and so is shut out of so much at West End. We are organizing a "Tech Support Team" who can help these "left out" folks with joining Realm, getting on Zoom for Sunday School or a meeting, or even joining Worship online.

If you could give one hour a week, your choice of hours, please volunteer to be on this support team. Contact Jan Ward at [jan.ward@gmail.com](mailto:jan.ward@gmail.com) or 703.407.4327 and commit to being part of this new effort to "shepherd" our under-served lambs. All ages are welcome. All levels of "expertise" can help. You can be part of organizing how this support will be offered and you can indicate when and where you can be available.

## GET INVOLVED WITH PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

West End is partnering with Project Transformation TN for its 13th summer. Project Transformation is a United Methodist-affiliated ministry that provides leadership development and ministry exploration opportunities to college-age young adults. Working with churches in low-income neighborhoods in Middle Tennessee, these emerging leaders coordinate community-oriented programs for under-served children and youth focusing on literacy and social-emotional learning. There are several ways you can be involved this summer, such as reading with kids, providing meals for interns, and letter writing. There is also an Amazon wishlist for supplies and donations. To find out more and sign up, visit [westendumc.org/pt](http://westendumc.org/pt).

A graphic with a yellow and orange background on the left and a blue background on the right. The text "SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE" is written in large, white, bubbly letters with a blue outline. On the right side, the text "Sunday School ♦ 9 a.m.", "Worship ♦ 10 a.m.", and "Special Events ♦ 11 a.m." is written in white, bold font. Below that, "Change effective May 26 thru July 28" is written in a smaller white font.

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