



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
MAY 19, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
PENTECOST SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Theme and Chorale Variations on *Veni Creator* Maurice 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. 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: Come, Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire Veni Creator

† Processional Hymn No. 475: Come Down, O Love DivineDown Ampney

† Call to WorshipMolly Borneman

Liturgist: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy!

All: For God has done great things.

Liturgist: Come, Holy Spirit, so that we may experience your peace.

All: Spirit of God, lead us to worship with gladness!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits.

Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others.

Lead us to be more aware of the people we encounter each day.

Inspire in us a fresh desire for sharing your love with all people.

† 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.

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 she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her 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 Caroline Abigail to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Caroline Abigail, 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 IlluminationLaura Creekmore

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 2:1-21

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: The Spirit's Strategy.....Carol 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

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 with Raise the Roof

Offertory: O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit..... Thomas Tallis

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts

and lighten our understanding

that we may dwell in the fear of thy name

all the days of our life

that we may know thee, the only true God

and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

† 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!

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning of Youth Service Trip

† Recessional Hymn No. 500: Spirit of God, Descend upon My HeartMorecambe

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Voluntary: Fanfare and Rumba on *Veni Creator* Paul Leddington Wright
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 flowers this Sunday are provided by the Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to this fund which is used when there are no individual donors. If you would like to contribute, please designate the Flower Fund on your gift.

Caroline Abigail Mayes, daughter of Anna and Riley Mayes, is presented for baptism today.

Today's liturgy was written by Pastoral Fellow Molly Borneman.

Music Participants

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

Today's Music

Bianco da Siena was an Italian monk who wrote poems called *laudi spirituali* in the fourteenth century. A collection of his poems was published in 1851 at Lucca. One of these, "Discendi, amor santo," is the basis for the English translation of "Come Down O Love Divine," by Richard F. Littledale in *The People's Hymnal* in 1867. Littledale translated four of the original eight stanzas, but most hymnals omit his third (beginning "Let holy charity") for a consistent three-stanza text. This hymn is addressed to the Holy Spirit. Although the third Person of the Trinity is not specifically named until the very last line of the hymn, it is clear through the terms "O Love divine" and "O Comforter" that the Holy Spirit is the one to whom this prayer is addressed.

Bulletin Cover Art

"Pentecost," a piece by James He Qi, who grew up in China and whose art is heavily influenced by Chinese techniques. We have used his works for bulletin covers frequently in past years, and in September, 2022, he visited West End UMC and gave a talk about his childhood, his religious and artistic influences, and his calling to spread peace through his art.

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
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 Molly Borneman Pastoral Fellow
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 Kathryn Ware Receptionist
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 Richard Thomas Custodian

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

Sunday School ♦ 9 a.m.
 Worship ♦ 10 a.m.
 Special Events ♦ 11 a.m.

Change effective May 26 thru July 28

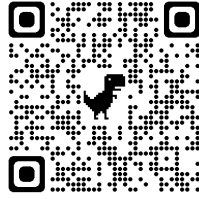
Schedule change begins NEXT SUNDAY, May 26!

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:** Zach and Payton (Owensboro, KY); 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, Haiti, 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 20-26 will be Reverend Will McLeane. To submit a prayer request, visit 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.



**RAISE THE
ROOF ACADEMY**

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.

MAY 19 EVENTS

We have several things happening here at West End UMC today. Take a look and see what interests you and make plans to be here!

♦ **LGBTQIA+ GATHERING :: MAY 19 :: 12 P.M.** - We'd like to invite all LGBTQIA+ members and allies to join us today 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.

♦ **ACOLYTE TRAINING :: MAY 19 :: 1-2 P.M.** - This afternoon from 1-2 pm there will be 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.

♦ **MENTAL HEALTH 101 :: MAY 19 :: 4 P.M.** - In this interactive presentation on this afternoon in the 4th Story Theater, retired-board certified Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor, Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn will discuss common signs of mental health conditions and offer tips for how to support a loved one struggling to manage their mental health.

♦ **TAIZÉ SERVICE :: MAY 19 :: 5 P.M.** - 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!

FAITH AND MENTAL HEALTH DISCUSSION AND LUNCH :: MAY 30

We'll end Mental Health Awareness Month with a Faith and Mental Health Discussion over lunch. Join us in McWhirther Hall at 12:30 pm on Thursday, May 30, as we are led in conversation by the Rev. Claire Harris-Kramer, PCUSA. Register at westendumc.org/discussion.

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 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 hospitality and see how we live life together!

VBS 2024

June 10-13 ♦ 5-7:15 pm
3 years old by June - rising 5th grade

westendumc.org/vbs2024

LGBTQIA+ GATHERING - LOOKING FORWARD :: JUNE 7

Church members Rodney & Bryan want to invite all in the LGBTQIA+ Community to their house for a good ol' fashioned Methodist potluck supper and conversation on Friday, June 7, at 6 p.m. Cane's chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring appetizers, sides, or desserts to share. At this gathering, we will talk about what we want this group to become and discuss any loose ends for the church's ministry at the Pride Parade and Festival. RSVP by June 5 and let us know if you can attend and what you'd like to bring at westendumc.org/june7gathering.

PRINCIPLED FAITH: WESLEYAN WITNESS TODAY

Join us in McWhirter Hall at 9 a.m. during Sundays in June as we look to the principles of our faith. 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 UM Social Principles offer us direction as we wonder "how we might live" both as individuals and as Christ's Church.

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. We are organizing a "Tech Support Team" who can help these "left out" folks with joining Realm, getting on Zoom for class 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 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.

WEUMC Walking Group :: June 8

Come on a walk with new and old friends! On the second Saturday of each month, we will walk the greenways and trails of Nashville. Pay attention to the bulletin over the Summer for exact times and locations for our meetings. For questions, contact Andrew Breeden at agarlandbreeden@gmail.com.



GIVE LIFE GIVE BLOOD

Sunday, July 14
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Visit westendumc.org/blooddrive for more info or scan the QR code to make your appointment.



PRIDE 2024

June 22 and 23

Join us for the
Pride Parade
or help host our booth
at the Pride Festival.

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