



# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JUNE 16, 2024 AT TEN O'CLOCK  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# GATHERING

Voluntary: Aria ..... Charles Callahan

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: Bless the Lord ..... Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

† Processional Hymn No. 139: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty .....Lobe Den Herren

† Call to Worship .....Maggie Jarrell

Liturgist: Today we celebrate the kin-dom of God,  
**People: for it is here and is not yet.**  
Liturgist: Lord, we remember the seeds you scattered in our lives that open our hardened hearts;  
**People: and we give thanks for the nourishment you have poured into us!**  
Liturgist: May our worship today bloom into a mighty tree of praise,  
**People: a tree where your creation can find hope and acceptance!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**Triune God,  
we confess that we don't always like the way your power works.  
We blame you for all that goes wrong in the world, and yet we forget that you empower us to resist evil.  
We want you to help us in exactly the way we ask, and yet we forget that we are not the authors of our own salvation.  
We say we desire for your kin-dom to come, and yet we forget to listen to your voice calling us to work for the flourishing of our neighbors.  
Forgive us, Holy Trinity, and free us to cooperate with you in the work of salvation for ourselves, our community, and all of creation.**

† 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 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 Martin Alexander 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, Martin Alexander, 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: Draw the Circle Wide..... Gordon Light  
arr. Mark A. Miller

Voice

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide, draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide, no one  
stands a-lone, we'll stand side by side, draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

A Lesson from the Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 ..... Eva Grace Woodall

Response to the Lesson

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 122: God of the Sparrow God of the Whale..... Roeder

Children's Moment .....Maggie Jarrell

*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: Seeds of the Kin-dom.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 .....Shannon 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.**

Offertory: How Excellent is Thy Loving Kindness ..... F. H. Cowen

How excellent is Thy loving kindness, O God.

Thou visitest the earth and maketh it soft with showers.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness

and the little hills are girded with joy.

The valleys also are covered with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

God hath given me of the dew of heaven,

and the fatness of the earth,

and plenty of corn and wine.

He will love thee and bless thee;

He will also bless the fruit of thy land, thy corn and thy wine.

† 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. 694: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.....St. George's Windsor

† 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: March from *Richard III* .....William Walton, arr. Gower  
*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 today are given to the glory of God in memory of  
Dr. and Mrs. L. Rowe Driver by their family.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Maxwell Robert "Max" Host who was born  
May 29th to parents Chris and Rachel Host. Max is welcomed by grandparents  
Ken and Peggy Luton.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Lucy Walker Snow who was born June 8th  
to Molly and Michael Snow. Lucy is welcomed by sister Lila Katherine and  
grandparents Martha and Steve Snow.*

*Martin Alexander Winczewski, son of Katherine and Ryan Winczewski,  
is presented for baptism today.*

*Today's Call to Worship was written by Rev. Shannon Baxter, and the Prayer of  
Confession is attributed to Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.*

### Bulletin Cover Art

"The Parable of the Mustard Seed," an icon by contemporary iconographer Kelli Latimore. Latimore began iconography in 2010 as a member of the Common Friars in a type of monastic situation. Her hope in creating icons is that they will create more dialogue. In this particular icon, the birds she has drawn are all native to the Holy Land. She lists them: Palestine Sunbird, Scrub Warbler, Common Rosefinch, Laughing Dove, Barn Swallow, House Sparrow, Fire-Fronted Serin, Red-Rumped Swallow, Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin, Woodchat Shrike, European Greenfinch, Tree Pipit, Nubian Nightjar, Northern Wheatear, Green Bee Eater, Eurasian Golden Oriole, European Roller, Eurasian Jay, Hooded Crow, Eurasian Blackbird, Common Chiffchaff, Rock Bunting, Crested Lark, and White Spectacled Bulbul.

## Music Participants

The Summer Choir  
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ  
Andrew Risinger: Organist / Accompanist  
Kyle Collier, tenor

VBS Music Leaders: Emma Jackson and Jess Lawson-Adams; Noah Phelps, piano

## Today's Music

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," was written in rural England in the mid-nineteenth century when the life of the village during the winter depended on the bounty of the autumn harvest. While the first stanza of this hymn rejoices over the harvest, the last three stanzas expound on the reminder this image gives of the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds in *Matthew 13*. The hymn concludes with a prayer that the final harvest at His Second Coming would happen soon. Gordon Light wrote the original words and music (1994) to "Draw the Circle Wide." Mark A. Miller composed new music that was published in *Worship and Song* (2011) for congregational singing and for SATB choirs. Miller believes music can change the world, and his dream is that the music he composes, performs, teaches, and leads will inspire and empower people to create the beloved community (Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Kay Thompson).

We welcome everyone to join us this summer to sing in Summer Choir. For our 10 am service, we will have singers from both of our adult choirs, and you can join them! There is no commitment necessary; just show up before 9:30 for warm-up, and we will hand you a robe and music. If you have thought about singing in our choirs, this is an excellent chance to try it out. If you have any questions, email Matt Phelps at [mphelps@westendumc.org](mailto:mphelps@westendumc.org).

## WEST END STAFF

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

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Will McLeane .....Spiritual Formation  
Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Children and Families  
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Mercy and Justice  
Rev. Shannon Baxter.....Congregational Connection  
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Young Adults  
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth  
Molly Borneman.....Pastoral Fellow  
Thornton Muncher.....Pastoral Intern  
Dr. Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music  
Andrew Risinger.....Associate Minister of Music  
Nico Zavala.....Music Intern  
Melanie Paulson.....Director, HR & Operations  
Shelley Kuhlmeier.....Communications Director  
Lazaro Kapella.....Church Financial Officer

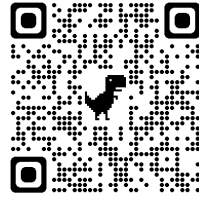
Jim Raver.....Property Operations Manager  
Corye Nelson.....Preschool Executive Director  
Christina Shoptaw.....Preschool Operations Manager  
Cheryl Reeves.....Preschool Curriculum Coordinator  
Karina Gurgendize.....Childcare Coordinator  
Cindy Siemer.....Senior Administrative Assistant  
Julie Catterton.....Assistant to Senior Pastor  
Andrew Callis.....Administrative Assistant  
Tosha Jackson.....Receptionist  
Kathryn Ware.....Receptionist  
Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator  
.....Building Engineer  
Sam Bady.....Safety and Security Coordinator  
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:** Alan Turk; Jane Tai; Kathy Osten; 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 June 17-23 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## JUNE'S COMMUNION OFFERING :: UNHEARD VOICES OUTREACH

Unheard Voices Outreach's purpose is to assist incarcerated Tennesseans to successfully transition back into the civic, economic, and technological community. They are now concentrating more attention on organizing, educating, and policy construction to release more Tennesseans from prison. Our funds will go towards Unheard Voices Outreach Bridges to Freedom program.



## VBS CELEBRATION :: TODAY

Join us this morning as we celebrate another wonderful VBS week! VBS will be part of worship and then have a picnic party on the West Lawn at 11 a.m. We'll have snacks and activities for all ages, as well as a bounce house and Kona Ice Truck!



## PRINCIPLED FAITH: WESLEYAN WITNESS TODAY

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. Join us at 9 am in McWhirter Hall on Sundays in June.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you love kids, Bible stories, games, and coloring? Would you be willing to share the love of God with children? We'd love to have you volunteer for children's ministry in the 2024-2025 school year! We need Sunday school teachers who serve 1-2 Sundays a month thru the school year and Children's Church volunteers who serve two Sundays a throughout the year. To volunteer, contact our Children's Pastor Maggie Jarrell at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org).



## NEW MOMS GROUP

Do you have a baby? Would you like to meet other new parents at WEUMC? Contact Emma Sholl at [emmawickhamsholl@gmail.com](mailto:emmawickhamsholl@gmail.com) to learn more about our New Moms Group.

## SPECIAL TOWN HALL :: JULY 7

On Sunday, July 7, at 9 a.m. we invite everyone to join us for a Town Hall in the 4th Story Theater to hear updates from the UMC General Conference and our Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference. The General Conference, which met in late April, is a global gathering of United Methodists and the legislative body for our denomination. The Annual Conference is the gathering of UMC delegates from the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference, which West End is a part of.

Since many folks may be traveling on July 7 for the holiday weekend, we've created a way for you to submit any questions you have about West End's response to the outcomes of both Conferences. Please submit them at [westendumc.org/townhall](https://westendumc.org/townhall). We will have the meeting recorded and can send the link to those who would like to view it.

## READ WITH PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

West End is partnering with Project Transformation TN for its 13th summer. There are a few spots left to read with kids for our assigned week July 8-11. To sign up, visit [westendumc.org/pt](https://westendumc.org/pt).

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you expecting a child? When your baby is born, please email our Children's Pastor, Maggie Jarrell at [mjarrell@westendumc.org](mailto:mjarrell@westendumc.org). We'd love to celebrate your new baby as part of our church family with a rose on the altar.



# Take me out to the BALLGAME

Join us on Tuesday, July 23 as we gather to cheer on our local minor league baseball team, the Nashville Sounds! The game starts at 6:35 p.m. and will take place at the Sounds' stadium. Tickets are \$15/person and are available at [westendumc.org/baseball](http://westendumc.org/baseball).



## BETTER TOGETHER :: AN INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

July 14, 21 and 28 ♦ 9-9:55 a.m.

August 4 and 11 ♦ 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Children, youth, and all adults are invited to come together for a space of learning, fellowship, and fun. Using an intergenerational Sunday school model, we will explore stories of our faith, play and laugh, and foster a deeper sense of belonging within our community. Come and see how life is better together!

Nursery care and traditional Sunday school are provided for infants through rising Kindergartners.

## SECOND ANNUAL ALL CHURCH FALL RETREAT

We are excited for our second annual Church Wide Fall Retreat, Friday to Sunday, September 27 - 29. All ages are invited to join us at Beersheba Springs Assembly, less than two hours away in Beersheba, Tennessee. Don't miss this intergenerational time of study, fellowship and fun. Visit [westendumc.org/fallretreat](http://westendumc.org/fallretreat) to find out more and register.

## REGISTER NOW FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND YOUTH MUSIC

It might be summertime, but it's not too early to register for Children's Choir and Youth Bells and Ensemble! We are looking forward to the next season of bells and choirs and would love to have your child our youth join us! Visit [westendumc.org/childrenschoirs](http://westendumc.org/childrenschoirs) or [westendumc.org/youthmusic](http://westendumc.org/youthmusic) to find out more!

## FROM WORSHIP TO SERVING

Join us directly following the worship service on Sunday, June 30 as we put our hands to work providing much needed food for people in our community! We'll meet in the small parking lot off Louise Ave. to bag a couple thousand pounds of vegetables that will be given to food banks and community food pantries. This is a great event for children, so families are encouraged to participate! To help us have an idea of how many to expect, you can register by visiting [westendumc.org/cropdrop](http://westendumc.org/cropdrop). For more info, contact Rev. Shannon Baxter or Pastoral Intern Molly Borneman.

# PRIDE 2024

The Nashville Pride Festival is a welcoming place to come together with friends, family, and loved ones to celebrate the progress of the LGBTQ+ community, and West End UMC has a presence there each year! We are delighted to join with other UMCs in the area to present one booth with individual church tables. PRIDE will take place this summer at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park on June 22 and 23.

♦ **Be a Part of the Parade** - Join us Saturday morning, June 22nd, for this fun and exciting parade through Nashville to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride! West End has 30 spots to fill in the parade, so sign up!

♦ **Visit Our West End Booth** - Help us share the light of Christ by visiting our West End Booth! Stop by and visit with our hosts and festival goers!

Sign up for the parade online at [westendumc.org/pride24](http://westendumc.org/pride24). Molly Borneman, our pastoral fellow, is coordinating PRIDE ministries this year. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out at [mborneman@westendumc.org](mailto:mborneman@westendumc.org).

## PRIDE COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join other Nashville communities of faith for the PRIDE worship service, at 7 p.m. on June 20 at Christ Church Cathedral (900 Broadway). Our very own Harper Barnes, a West End youth, and Rev. Aimee Baxter, Pastor of Young Adults, will be in the service. We are providing refreshments after worship. If you would like to help with this, please email Molly Borneman at [mborneman@westendumc.org](mailto:mborneman@westendumc.org).



**GIVE LIFE  
GIVE BLOOD**

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

Visit [westendumc.org/blooddrive](http://westendumc.org/blooddrive) for more info  
or scan the QR code to make your appointment.



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