

March 8, 2026 – 10:00 AM
3rd Sunday in Lent



EAST END

United Methodist Church
522 Russell St.

Nashville, Tennessee 37206
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WHO WE ARE AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus' message of unconditional love means that every human being is a child of God and is worthy of love, respect, and inclusion. We welcome and embrace people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, physical and mental ability, education, and housing status. We stand against discrimination and exclusion by choosing to worship and serve with all people through love, acceptance, and reconciliation.

Gathering and Entrance

GREETING

August Phillippi

GATHERING SONG *Hold On*

Congregation

Heidi Ann Wilson

Though written in 2018, “*Hold On*” became an anthem for Minneapolis during the ICE protests earlier this year. People sang it while walking children to school, delivering food to neighbors, and gathering on street corners.

Hold _____ on, hold _____ on. _____ My dear _____
ones here _____ comes the dawn. _____

*CALL TO WORSHIP⁺

Dietz Osborne

One: Turn the tap and water comes out.

Many: Clean, refreshing water quenches our thirst.

One: Stop at the market, twist open the cap.

Many: Spring water crosses our lips

One: After a time, we all thirst again.

Many: But Jesus says “whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again.”

All: Please give us this water that we may never be thirsty again.

***OPENING
HYMN**

*Crashing Waters
at Creation*

See Insert

- 1. Crashing waters at creation
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.**

- 2. Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage,
channel to a life made new.**

- 3. Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the One foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.**

- 4. Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul
Well-spring, Source of life eternal,
drench our dryness; make us whole.**

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COMMON CONFESSION⁺⁺

Dietz Osborne

God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives: the brittle words we have thought and spoken... the relationships that are crumbling... the arid perspective that centers on self... the cracked and jagged edges of our world... Hear our confession, O Christ, and rain down your mercy upon us.

Pray in Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dietz Osborne

One: Jesus says, “The water that I will give will become in [you] a spring of living water.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dietz Osborne

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

After the Passing of the Peace, Children, age 4 to 5th grade, are invited to Children's Church.

Participating children will return to their families later in the service.

Proclamation of God's Word

SCRIPTURE John 4:4-42

Rev. Brandon Baxter,
Dietz Osborne, Linda Ray Miller

Our spoken response to the reading of God's word:
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

All are invited to sing as directed. The hymn stanzas are interspersed with the scripture reading.

**1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

John 4:4-10

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

John 4:11-15

**2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.**

John 4:16-18

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

John 4:19-26

**3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.**

John 4:27-29

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

John 4:30-38

**4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

John 4:39-42

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

*CLOSING
HYMN

*I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say*

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look
down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast." I
liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live." I
un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I
came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and
found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

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*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

Rev. Brandon Baxter

*SUNG

Amen

Sanctuary Choir

BENEDICTION

Richard Smallwood

*POSTLUDE

Derrick Rohl, piano

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

† At East End UMC, we begin the Lord's Prayer with the simple name "God", acknowledging that many images of God exist. Please use whatever language speaks to you; Father, Mother, Parent, Creator, etc.

Announcements

East End UMC Calendar Reminders

Sunday 3/8:	10:00 AM	Worship at Warner
	5:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal at Eastwood CC
Monday 3/9:	8:00 AM	Coffee and Convo at Ugly Mugs
	6:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom
	6:30 PM	Scouts Troop 3 Meeting at Aldersgate

2026 Lenten Season: Rendezvousing with the Redeemer

Sunday 3/29:	10:00 AM	Palm & Passion Sunday Worship at Warner
	3:00 PM	Rutter "Requiem" at Belmont UMC
Thursday 4/2:	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service at Eastwood CC
Friday 4/3:	6:30 PM	Good Friday Service at Eastwood CC
Saturday 4/4:		Easter Egg Hunt: More details coming soon
Sunday 4/5:	10:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship at Warner

Giving

Online gifts can be made via Venmo @eastendumc or online at www.eastendumc.org/give. Please note if donations are for the General Operating budget or the Building Campaign.

Please see www.eastendumc.org/give for information on how to check your current contributions or pledges. We appreciate your gifts to EEUMC!

Nursery Ministry

Our Nursery Ministry is available during Sunday morning worship for children ages 8 wks. until 4 yrs.

This Week's Birthdays

- 3/8: Jason Pate, Angie Pigue
- 3/9: Wilson Barnett
- 3/12: Charlie Walter
- 3/13: Karlene Polk

+ Call to Worship adapted from liturgy by Tim Graves, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2020/03/call-to-worship-john-4-5-42.html> Common Confession excerpted from a prayer by Moira Laidlaw, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/confession-wilderness-places.html>

Common Confession and Words of Assurance adapted from liturgy by Joanna Harader, <https://spaciousfaith.com/2011/03/26/wednesday-worship-pieces-prayer-of-confession/>

