

*Becoming the Beloved Community*

# ***Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church***

*Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home*

January 3, 2020

Second Sunday after Christmas

## **Gathering in God's Name**

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

### **PRELUDE**

Rejoice! from the "Messiah"  
Angela DeVenuto, soprano

G.F. Handel

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends, today we celebrate the joyful feast of the people of God!

**We come from east and west, and from north and south,**  
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

**Let us worship God!**

### **OPENING HYMN:**

"We Three Kings"

GTG # 151

Time of Spiritual Centering: Confession and Forgiveness

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**Word Proclaimed**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 11:2-11

**SERMON** "Are You the One?"

**TIME FOR GENEROSITY**

**OFFERTORY**

"Noel"  
George Radosavljevic, pianist

Franz Liszt

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Gracious God: Guide this offering's use. Through it, may the radiance of your light help pierce the night that covers the earth, and signal the dawn of justice, peace, and your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of Bread and Cup (including Words of Institution)**

**Prayer following Communion** (in unison)

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, be a morning star above for us, a radiance within, the shining all around that lets us live in love. Only then shall we be reflectors of your brightness and give glory to God in heaven. Amen.**

**Sending**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

GTG # 123

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

arr. Sid Richardson

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe

Assisting in Worship:

Angela DeVenuto, soprano; Lindsay Mecher, alto;

George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director;

and Bridge Pastor William J. Ingersoll.