

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

PRELUDE

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"
Leo Radosavljevic, pianist and soloist

Arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 34)

Bless the Lord at all times; may praise continually be in our mouths!

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me
from all my fears.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

The Lord's name be praised!

OPENING HYMN

"Loaves Were Broken"

GTG # 498

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, we come to you just as the crowds flocked to Jesus years ago. We are drawn by your promises, yet we have difficulty fully trusting in them. We believe that your ways are more fulfilling than those of our world, yet we are hesitant to ignore the demands of our culture. We know that peace comes from forgiving ourselves and others, yet we cling to memories of past mistakes. Forgive our obedience to the lesser gods we create, and wean us away from our fascination with the false values that tempt us. Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Word Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 6:1-13

SERMON

"Bring Them to Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**CALL FOR THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Lloyd Larson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God of mercy, in your grace you provide that which we cannot purchase or possess—unlimited love and forgiveness. In gratitude, we bring to you our money, our time, and our devotion. May our offering not be merely an obligation nor a thoughtless gesture, but an act of true worship as we seek to follow Christ and put you first in our lives. Bless and multiply these offerings, so that healing and wholeness might be brought to a needy world, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 after Communion (in unison)

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us even your own Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing**CLOSING HYMN:**

"You Are My Strength"

GTG # 519

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Arr. Irene Wells

Assisting in Worship: Anita Bakou, Lindsay Mecher, Emily Crisp, Leo & George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and the Reverend Dr. Lolly Dominski

Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski has served several churches and a mission agency during her twenty years as a Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor in the Chicago area, most recently ministering at Community Presbyterian Church of Lombard with Co-Pastor Rev. Bunny Hughes. Lolly earned her M. Div. at McCormick Theological Seminary and her Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.