

*Becoming the Beloved Community*

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

*Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home*

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

### **PRELUDE**

"O Rest in the Lord"  
Lindsay Mecher, soloist

Mendelssohn

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 19)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**sweeter also than honey, the drippings of the honeycomb.**

### **OPENING HYMN**

"In Remembrance of Me"

CH # 461

### **CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God Who is merciful and just, will forgive our sins.

**Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confession our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ, Your Son.**

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

## Word Proclaimed

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-21

**SERMON** "Spring Cleaning"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Hassler/Bach

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

As we prepare to offer to God our gifts, let us pray: **Our blindness to the needs of others is a burden we bear, and one from which we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus and use these gifts to heal and to restore. In the Name of Jesus, we pray.**

**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)

**O, God of grace, You renew us at Your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve You and one another. We ask this in the precious name of Your Son, Jesus the Christ, the savior of our souls. Amen.**

**Sending**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" GTG # 494

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Etude, Opus 25 "The Harp" Chopin

Assisting in Worship:

Afua Akompong, Lindsay Mecher, Emily Crisp, Leo Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and the Reverend Bunny Hughes.