

*Becoming the Beloved Community*  
***Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church***

*Gathering of the People*

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Gathering in God's Name**

**PRELUDE**

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"  
Lindsay Mecher, soloist

J.S. Bach

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations,

God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
more to be revered than all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**Honor and majesty are before the Lord;  
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name;  
come into the holy courts with your offerings.

**We will worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble in  
awe. We will say among the nations, "The Lord rules the heavens and the earth!"**

**OPENING HYMN**

"Shepherd Me, O God"

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**CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**O God, we are desperate for the forgiveness that You alone can give. We are  
needy and broken. We have chosen to go our own way for too long, and now  
recognize the foolishness of this. We have not lived as the people who You  
created us to be. We have not served as ambassadors of Your Kingdom. We have  
not loved You wholeheartedly nor have we walked faithfully in a moment-by-  
moment relationship with You. But we are here today to realign our lives to Your  
call. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Transform us. Mold us. Remake us. You are our only  
hope. O God, hear our prayer in the Name of Jesus. Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

## Word Proclaimed

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Mark 6: 1-6

**SERMON:** "Do You Believe in Miracles?"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"There is a Balm"

arr. Mark Hayes

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Heavenly Father, it is hard for us to fully comprehend the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. We bring forth our gifts in gratitude, adoration, and faith.**

**We ask your blessing, O God, upon this offering.**

**May it serve to bring hope of your reign of love and abundance to those who are in need, in body, mind, or spirit. Amen.**

## Sending

**CLOSING HYMN**

"O How He Loves You and Me"

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**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Chanson de Matin op. 15"

Edward Elgar

Going Forth

Assisting in Worship:

James Nadder, Lindsay Mecher, Emily Crisp, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and the Reverend Lolly Dominski.