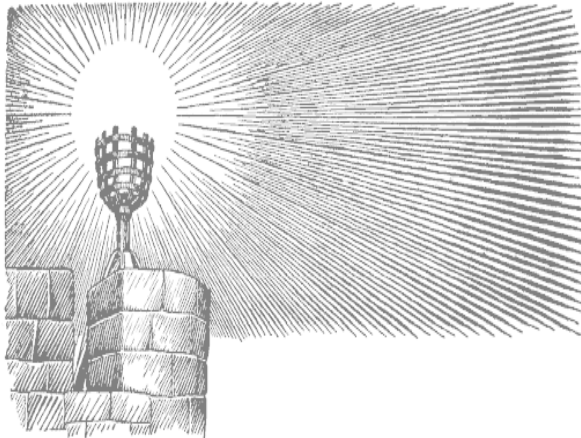


Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



September 26, 2021

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "Psalm of Glory" Dorothy Wells

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

(All congregational responses and unison readings to be whispered)

One: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

* Call to Worship inspired by James 3:13- 4:8) *(Please whisper)*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Our hope is in the name of the Lord,
the healer of all that is wounded.

Our trust is in the name of the Lord,
the one we gather to worship and praise.

* Hymn # 414 "O Word of God Incarnate"

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Prayer of Confession *(Please whisper)*

You asked for my hands

that you might use them for your purposes

I gave them for a moment then withdrew them

for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth

to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not

be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed

them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life that you might

work through me. I gave you a small part that I might not get "too

involved." Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you

only when it is convenient for me to do so, and only in those places

where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,

that I may take seriously the meaning of your cross.

(by Joe Seramane)

Words of Forgiveness

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Without leaving your seat, share the peace with those around you)

Word Proclaimed

First Lesson: Matthew 5: 13-16 (page 4)

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God

Second Lesson: Esther 4: 10-16 (page 447)

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "For Just Such a Time As This"

* Affirmation of Faith - (Apostles' Creed) *(Please whisper)*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Thy Word"
Emily Crisp, Soloist

* Doxology #815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer *(Please whisper)*

We praise and thank you for your steadfast love and blessings to us, Abundant God. We dedicate our lives to your service and our money to further your ministry. May our gifts be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #431 "Shine, Jesus Shine"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Sonata No. 18, Presto" Beethoven
George Radosavljevic, piano

(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude)

*Going Forth

*Please rise in body and/or in Spirit

Welcome to Worship at Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Faith in Jesus Christ is the mark of a Christian and a disciple of Christ, and is therefore the only requirement for membership in this Church. Please prayerfully consider joining this family of faith - talk with our Pastor, and learn more by visiting us at www.cwupc.org and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Assisting us in worship today are Anita Bakou, Emily Crisp, George Radosavljevic; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director and the Reverend Jane Tuma.

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