

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



June 26, 2022

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "Spirit Song" arr. Mark Hayes
Pat Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship our God of wonder,

All: and we gather to meditate on God's works and mighty deeds.

One: Our God is great and mighty;

All: with arms stretched out, God welcomes us into the fold.

* Hymn # 342

"Rock of Ages"

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we too often give in to the yearnings of the flesh. We have impure thoughts. We idolize those who misuse power. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger. We neglect to care for others and gratify our own desires. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin.

Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace. Send your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity, and lead us to be gentle in our care for all of your people.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

* 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 16 (p. 495-496)

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

Second Lesson: Acts 26:1-23 (p. 147)

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

Message: "Paul: A Man Who Kept His Vision"

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

* Hymn # 684 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" PRECIOUS LORD

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Sing Out Your Joy to God (from *Joshua*)" George F. Handel
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, we offer now our deeds of goodness; transform them into acts of benevolence befitting your mercy. We also offer our treasure, turn it into the means of new life for all. AMEN

Sending

* Hymn # 431 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Sonata opus 6" Ludwig van Beethoven
Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

You are asked 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, located at 4950 W. Pratt Avenue in Skokie, Illinois.

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 James Nadder, Lindsay Mecher, George Radosavljevic, the Chancel Choir, Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director, and the Rev. Dr. Michael Milco. *We are delighted to welcome back Rev. Milco, and invite you to see his biographical information in the enclosed Announcements.*

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