

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



January 8, 2023

Communion Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Helmut Walcha

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

All: We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.

All: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.

One: Both these things are true:

All: Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,

One: And our Savior is like a lamb.

All: Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.

Today we worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.

* Hymn # 391

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: *(on screen)* "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 3)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9 (p. 670-671)

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Message: "A Servant Leadership Community"

Service of Ordination and Installation *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)* "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Down Galilee's Slow Roadways" WEST MAIN
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper *(see insert)*

Prayer after Communion *(see insert)*

Sending

* Hymn # 390 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Joy to the World" Arr. Robert Vandall
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 Anna Maria Virga, Lisa Dagher, alto; George Radosavljevic, piano; the Chancel Choir; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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