

*Becoming the Beloved Community*

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

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*



**January 15, 2023**

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

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

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Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach  
Pat Radosavljevic, organ and George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

### \* Call to Worship

One: To all searching for grace and truth,

**All: Come and see!**

One: To all searching for meaning and purpose,

**All: Come and see!**

One: To all searching for abundant life,

**All: Come and see!**

One: Let us worship God together.

### \* Hymn # 488 "Just As I am"

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### Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us...

...for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,

...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,

...for the times we have hoarded our abundance,

...for the times we have turned away from your children in need.

For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

### \* 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**

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### Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 49: 5-6 (p. 679)

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

### Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: John 1:35-42 (p. 92)

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

Message: "What Church Do You Go To?"

**Affirmation of Faith** *(From The Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

\* Hymn # 575 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" SHOWALTER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer

## Thanksgiving

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Time for Generosity

Offertory "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Jack Schrader  
The Chancel Choir

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## Sending

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\* Hymn # 107 "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" *(to be repeated 3 times)*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "A Trumpet Fancy" Leon Nelson  
*(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](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are James Nadder; Gabrielle Timoveeva, soprano; Lisa Dagher alto; George Radosavljevic, piano; the Chancel Choir; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

### The Session, Deacons, Trustees, Officers, and Staff of Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

**Session Ruling Elders:** Georgette Joseph, Carolyn Kapteyn, Najeba Badal, John Yonan, Elizabeth Brown, David Americus, Peter Ellyin, and Doris Nadder.

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