

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "The Gift of Love" arr. John Carter

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

All: Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.

One: Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful

All: And as we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.

* Hymn # 589

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 5:21-26 (p. 4-5)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 3:1-9 (p. 167)

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

Message: "Emptying Out; Filling Full and Choosing Life"

Affirmation of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

* Hymn #429 "They'll Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Cry Out and Shout for Joy" Douglas Wagner
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, you have planted the seeds of generosity into our hearts and by your grace, you give the growth through our actions and response. Receive the fruit of your mercy and the offerings of our lives and use these gifts to grow your harvest of justice and mercy, Amen.

Sending

* Hymn # 426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Prelude No. 1" George Gershwin
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 Jim Nadder; Angela Radosavljevic, soprano; Lindsay Mecher, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; George Radosavljevic, pianist; the Chancel Choir; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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