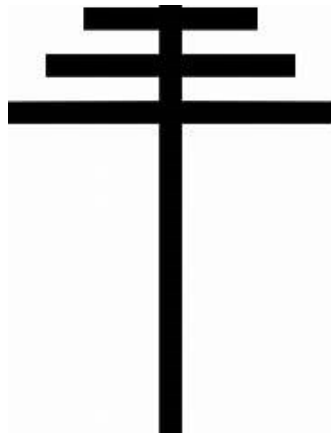


*Becoming the Beloved Community*

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

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*



**February 26, 2023**

**1st Sunday in Lent**

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

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Prelude      "Nocturne in C-Sharp Minor"      Frederic Chopin  
                 George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

#### \* Call to Worship

One: For forty days and forty nights, led by the Spirit,

**All: Christ fasted in the wilderness.**

One: For forty days and forty nights,

**All: we prepare ourselves to meet the crucified and risen Christ.**

#### \* Hymn # 414

"O Word of God Incarnate"

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#### Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.

#### 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:      Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 3)

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

#### Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson:      Psalm 32 (p. 506-507)

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

Message: "On Not Taking the Easy Way..."

Affirmation of Faith (*From Colossians 1:15-20*)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

\* Hymn #320 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER

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

## Thanksgiving

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Time for Generosity

Offertory "Ah, Holy Jesus" Craig Courtney  
The Chancel Choir

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing and the destitute. Amen.

## Sending

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\* Hymn # 606 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Ah, Holy Jesus" arr. John Ferguson  
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

*(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 Anna Maria Virga; 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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