

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 John Yonan; Elizandro Garcia Montoya, clarinet; Angela DeVenuto, soprano; Lindsay Mecher, alto; Lisa Dagher, tenor, Leo Radosavljevic, bass and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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

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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

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June 25, 2023

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Adagio

Heinrich Baermann

Elizandro Garcia Montoya, clarinet

George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: Do not be afraid:
All: **God hears our cries when we are lost.**
One: Do not be afraid:
All: **God does not leave us abandoned.**
One: Do not be afraid:
All: **God is with us, now and always.**

* Hymn # 624 His Eye Is on the Sparrow SPARROW

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more.

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

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: Romans 6:1-11 (p. 156)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 10:26-39 (p. 10-11)

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

Message: "On Becoming a Non-Binary Church"

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn #428 In Christ There Is No East or West ST. PETER

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory Come and Sing a Song Unto the Lord Dan R. Edwards
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #692 God Will Take Care of You GOD CARES

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter
The Chancel Choir

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

**Please rise in body and/or in Spirit*

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