

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; Leo Radosavljevic, bass-baritone 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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The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor

Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph

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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



July 16, 2023

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah" George Frederic Handel
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: Let us offer our praise to God, for we come to learn God's ways:

All: **O God, your word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path; we lift our hearts to you as we seek to worship, adore, and follow you.**

* Hymn # 389

Spirit of the Living God

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

O God, we are quick to say, "We didn't know." "We didn't mean to." "We didn't expect that to happen." But we have not tilled the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, Help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives.

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 8:1-11 (p. 157-158)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p. 13-14)

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

Message: "Scattering Seeds"

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)*

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

O God, Have Mercy from "St. Paul" Felix Mendelssohn

Leo Radosavljevic, bass baritone

George Radosavljevic, piano

* Doxology # 815

"Praise God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts given this day and for the many gifts of our lives. May they be used ever and only to glorify you. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #343

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Leo Radosavljevic, bass-baritone

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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