

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; Peter Ellyin, Elizabeth Brown, and guest ringer Matt McLeod; Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director; and Helen Robles— guest pastor.

**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.

Deacons: Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyin, Neena Ishu, Helen Oshona, Hilda Karam, and Shirley Rustemeyer.

Trustees: Donald Rustemeyer; Hugh McBride, Mac McClendon, and Robert Rustemeyer.

Staff and Church Leaders:

The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor

Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph

Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic

Church Administrator - Anna Torgerson

Church Treasurer - John Yonan

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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



July 30, 2023

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Take Time to be Holy
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

arr. Dorothy Wells

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: God of love, your grace is the mustard seed that grows in us, that gives life and beauty.

All: **Your love is the net that gathers us in in all our diversity.**

One: Christ, you are the treasure hidden in the field of our lives

All: **You are the fine pearl we seek.**

One: Holy Spirit, you are the yeast that leavens us with love.

All: **You are new and old, eternal, and always coming anew.**

In awe, in gratitude, in joy, we worship you.

* Hymn # 414

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens. Let us confess our sins before our Triune God.

Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

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 8:22-39 (p. 158)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 (p. 14-15)

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

Message: "Mustard Seeds and Fine Pearls "

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)*

What is the World Like

NEW WORLD

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

Day By Day

arr. Anna Laura Page

CW Handbell Choir

* 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 #433

Rise Up O Church of God

ST. THOMAS

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Anna Laura Page

CW Handbell Choir

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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