

**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 Peter Ellyin; Elliot Nott; David, Michael and Joey Americus; Hannah Mason; Elana Maloul; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

**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

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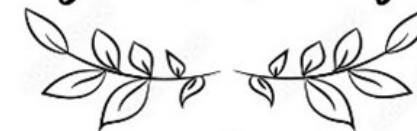
*Becoming the Beloved Community*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.*

HOW GOOD AND  
*pleasant it is when*  
BROTHERS LIVE  
*together in unity!*



Ps 133:1

**August 20, 2023**

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude

“Who is Like Our God”

“Mighty to Save”

The Copper Coins

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship

One: Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come.

**All: God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people. God gathers all the outcasts together, and makes us joyful!**

\* Hymn "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness.**

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Believe the good news.  
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Response: "Sanctuary"

\* 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: Psalm 133 (p. 575)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Romans 11: 29-36 (p. 161)

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

Message: "How very good and pleasant it is..."

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

\* Hymn "We Are One In The Spirit"

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

## **Thanksgiving**

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Time for Generosity

Offertory "Show Me the Way"

\* Doxology "Thank You for Your Kindness"

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you in faith and promise to provide us everything we need for ministry in your name. Bless these gifts we bring, that we may use them faithfully to share the good news of your love and mercy. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

## **Sending**

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\* Hymn "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Blind Man"  
*(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)*

\* Going Forth  
*\*Please rise in body and/or in Spirit*

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