

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 Peter Ellyin; 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**

Session Ruling Elders: Georgette Joseph, Carolyn Kapteyn, Najeba Badal, John Yonan, Elizabeth Brown, David Americus, Peter Ellyin, and Doris Nadder.

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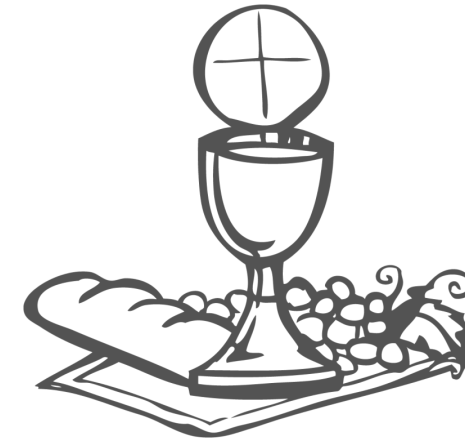
The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor
Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph
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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



September 3, 2023

Communion Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

“First Arabesque”
George Radosavljevic, piano

Claude Debussy

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: We gather hoping to see God,
All: here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.
One: We can see God
All: when we show one another honor,
One: when we pursue hospitality to strangers,
All: when we live in harmony with one another,
One: when we rejoice in hope.
All: Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

* Hymn # 589 "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses,
lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us.
Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us.
We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take.
Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling.
Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow,
and lead us in your ways of peace.

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: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (p. 717-718)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 16:21-26 (p. 18)

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

Message: "Why is Christianity Such Hard Work?"

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostle's Creed - See insert)*

* Hymn # 413 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" *(verses 1 & 4)* BREAD OF LIFE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "Break Thou, the Bread of Life" Jack Goode
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper *(See insert)*

Prayer after Communion *(See insert)*

Sending

* Hymn *(See insert)* "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Prelude" J.S. Bach
George Radosavljevic, piano

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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