

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; Elizabeth Brown, organ; Angela DeVenuto, soprano; Rosie Joyce, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; 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

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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



September 10, 2023

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Charles Callahan

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: Where two or three are gathered together,

All: **God is in their midst.**

One: We gather to proclaim the promises, to retell the stories,

All: **We gather to remember who we are as people of God.**

One: Let us worship!

* Hymn #424

The Servant Song

THE SERVANT SONG

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Romans 13: 8-10 (p. 162)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:18-20 (p. 20)

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

Message: “...in our midst...”

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)* Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CHEREPONI

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory The Gift of Love Hal Hopson
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God”

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #426 Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS
For verses 4 and 5, refer to the screen

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: March (from “Alceste”) Christoph Willibald Gluck
(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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