

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 Elizabeth Brown; Angela DeVenuto, soprano; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; 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

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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



September 17, 2023

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Don Hustad

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.
All: **Bless God's holy name.**
One: God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.
All: **Bless God's holy name.**

* Hymn #793 For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us.

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 14:7-12 (p. 163)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:21-33 (p. 20)

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

Message: "Debt-Free"

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn #355 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory If You Search With All Your Heart Craig Courtney
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #630 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Come Christians, Join to Sing Don Hustad
(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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