

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 James Nadder; Angela DeVenuto, soprano; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Helen Robles, guest preacher.

**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 24, 2023

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Joel Raney
Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: Whether we embrace God’s call in our lives or try to avoid it,
All: **God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
One: Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,
All: **God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
One: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,
All: **God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise God’s name forever and ever!**

* Hymn #147 How Great Thou Art

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often with punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. 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: Psalm 145: 1-9 (p. 581)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Matthew 20: 1-16 (p. 21-22)

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

Message: An Unfair God?

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn #572 Blessed Assurance

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory Lord, We Come Together Here David Lantz III
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God”

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, we know that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you. We thank you for your many blessings, especially your perfect gift of your Son Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift! Help us to receive your gifts and grace with thanksgiving and humility and to use them faithfully in and for your kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #139 Great Is Their Faithfulness

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Trumpet Tune Jeremiah Clarke
Pat Radosavljevic, organ, 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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