

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; Angela DeVenuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, Bass; and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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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.



October 22, 2023

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Great is Thy Faithfulness 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: God's glory is too much to comprehend,
All: **but we see God's face among us when we come together as the church.**
One: Let us witness to God's glory together!

* Hymn #435 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength – we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you.

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: Matthew 22:15-22 (p. 24-25)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Exodus 33:18-22 (p. 80)

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

Message: "...Tis Only the Splendor of Light..."

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn #33 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST DENIO

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory A Jubilant Song Mary Lynn Lightfoot
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Lord, we dedicate our all to you; not just the money that we no longer call ours, but our thoughts, our plans, our time, our dreams, our days. It's all yours, God. It always was. Help us to rejoice in that. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn *(see insert)*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: on "Ebenezer" arr. Gordon Young

Pat Radosavljevic, organ

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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