

**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](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Peter Ellyin; Angela DeVenuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass and 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.*



**October 29, 2023**

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude      Just As I Am      arranged by Gordon Young

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship *(From Psalm 1)*

One: Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

**All: Our delight is in the law of the Lord.**

One: May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

**All: May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.**

\* Hymn #23 The God of Abraham Praise

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\* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**God of love, your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant. But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from 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**

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (p. 202)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (p. 106)

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

Message: "A Reminder In the Midst Of..."

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

\* Hymn #597 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated HENDON  
*(sing verses 1-4, 6 then 5)*

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

## **Thanksgiving**

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Time for Generosity

Offertory O Lord Most Holy Jay Althouse  
The Chancel Choir

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully entrust these gifts to your care and Christ's ministry. May these gifts reflect our love for our neighbors in need; blessing others as we have been blessed. Amen.**

## **Sending**

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\* Hymn *(see insert)*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Once to Every Man and Nation arr. Gordon Young  
*(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)*

\* Going Forth

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

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