**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 De Venuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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# Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



# November 19, 2023 Dedication of Pledges

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Pat Radosavljevic, organ

arr. Don Hustad

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship (Based on Deuteronomy 8:7)

One: Our God is bringing us to a good land, with flowing streams, valleys and hills, wheat and barley, olive trees and honey.

All: We will eat our fill and bless the Lord our God, who has given us all good gifts.

\* Hymn #797 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

God of the harvest, God of the gleaners, we are quick to thank you for the abundance of our lives. We proclaim ourselves blessed when we have enough—enough food on the table, enough money to spend, enough people to share our days with, enough space to live comfortably. We are deeply grateful, but we think of these blessings as our own. We do not consider that we might share these blessings with others. Forgive us for our stinginess. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves as better than those who have less. Teach us that the truest thanks we can give you is to share our abundance with other beloved children of God.

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 65 (p. 527-528)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 17:11-19 (p. 80)

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

Message: "How Can We Not?"

Affirmation of Faith (see insert)

\* Hymn #794 Let All Things Now Living

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

### **Thanksgiving**

Stewardship Moment

Time for Generosity

Offertory Give God Thanks Lloyd Larson
The Chancel Choir

Generous God, with Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we are reminded to give you thanks for the ministries of this congregation which you have entrusted us with. We are honored by the opportunity to be your holy body here. Bless these offerings, however they are given, that our efforts may be ever more worthy of your name. Amen.

Dedication of Our Pledges for Next Year

#### Sending

\* Hymn #597

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

**ASH GROVE** 

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Spanish Dance No. 1

Moritz Moszkowski

Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano (You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

\*Please rise in body and/or in Spirit

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<sup>\*</sup> Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

<sup>\*</sup> Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

<sup>\*</sup> Going Forth