

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; 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
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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.



March 17, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Adagio Cantabile Ludwig Van Beethoven
George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 51)

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
All: **According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.**

One: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.
All: **Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

One: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us
All: **Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God!**

* Hymn (see insert) Ah, Holy Jesus

* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray...

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Response: Glory to God

* 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 51: Sung Responsively’ choir and congregation (see insert)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: John 12: 20-26 (p. 106-107)

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Message "On Dying and Bearing Much Fruit"

Affirmation of Faith (see insert)

* Hymn #320 Beneath The Cross of Jesus ST CHRISTOPHER

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory Ah, Holy Jesus arr. Craig Courtney
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God”

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you. May our offering this morning forever bring glory to your name, and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of your whole creation. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #665 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish Melody
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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