

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 Peter Ellyin, Jacqueline Piccolino and Angela De Venuto, soprano; AJWester and Lisa Dagher, alto; Brian Rasmussen and George Keating, tenor; Rafa Porto and Leo Radosavljevic bass; Savannah Cardenas, Timpani; Evgeniia Alekseeva, Oboe; Stela Mkrtychian, Violin I; Henry Hsueh, Violin II; Casey Lebkicker, Viola; Gita Srinivasan, Cello; George Radosavljevic piano/harpsichord; 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.



March 31, 2024

Easter Day / The Resurrection of the Lord

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "O Joy, You Live in Glory" Georg Philipp Telemann
Angela De Venuto, soprano and Leo Radosavljevic, bass with strings, oboe and harpsichord

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
All: Hosanna! Hosanna!
One: Celebrate this day of days!
All: Hosanna! Hosanna!
One: Let all creation be amazed!
All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

* Hymn # 367 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

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

Response: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

* Passing of the Peace

Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24 (p. 565-566)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Mark 16:1-8 (p. 54-55)

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

Message: “Afraid? On Easter?”

* Affirmation of Faith (*Book of Common Worship*)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Hymn (*see insert*) “Hymn of Promise”

PROMISE

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory “Worthy is the Lamb, Amen” From Messiah, George Frideric Handel
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God”

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ’s behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ’s spirit. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn # 357 “Christ Arose”

CHRIST AROSE

Charge and Benediction

* Postlude: Hymn # 39 “Hallelujah” (from Messiah)

Handel

(You are invited to stand during the singing of the Hallelujah from Messiah. The chorus can be found as #39 in our red hymnals if you want to sing along.)

*Going Forth

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