

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; Assisting us in worship- the Handbell Choir; Peter Ellyin, Sarah Murray, George Radosavljevic and Elizabeth Brown; Lisa Dagher, alto 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, John Yonan, Elizabeth Brown, David Americus, and Peter Ellyin.

Deacons: Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyin, Neena Ishu, Helen Oshona, Hilda Karam, and Shirley Rustemeyer.

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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.



April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. Anna Laura Page
The Handbell Choir

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

All: Hallelujah! Our doubts are answered, and we feel the presence of Christ.

One: The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

All: Hallelujah! Let our worship be the sign of our belief.

* Hymn *(See insert)*

The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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 133 (p. 575)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Acts 4:32-35 (p. 122)

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

Message: "A Church of Easter People: First Things First"

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostle's Creed—See insert)*

* Hymn *(See insert)* In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

Sing a Grateful Alleluia
The Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

Doxology # 815

Praise God

OLD HUNDREDTH

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper *(See insert)*

Prayer after Communion *(See insert)*

Sending

* Hymn #426

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata
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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