

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 ; **Angela De Venuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; George Radosavljevic, piano and Leo Radosavljevic, organist, conductor and bass;** 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, Helen Oshona, Hilda Karam, and Shirley Rustemeyer.

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The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor
Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph
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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Musical Moment No. 5. Sergei Rachmaninoff
George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

One: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

All: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

One: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

All: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

* Hymn #400 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock.

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 23 *(with congregational response: see slides)*

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Acts 4:5-12 (p. 121)

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

Message: "A Church of Easter People:
 Leading Like a Shepherd"

"Moment for Leadership": Georgette Joseph

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)* I Want Jesus to Walk with Me WALK WITH ME

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

Sing a Grateful Alleluia
The Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #688 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

Prayer and March
Leo Radosavljevic, piano

Wagner/Liszt

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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