

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 John Yonan; Angela De Venuto, soprano; 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
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
Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic
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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

**PROCLAIM
THE** *Good
News!*

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Prelude on "Sweet Hour" arr. Gordon Young
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: We come to worship with joy, trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

All: **We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**

One: May God hear our praise! May we be counted among the great congregation.

All: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.**

* Hymn #90

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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 22:25-31 (p. 501)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 (p. 127)

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

Message: "A Church of Easter People: Proclaiming the Good News"

"Moment for Leadership": Mission Committee

Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn #429

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory

Let Us Love One Another

Arnold Sherman

The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #648

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Sonata KV 381, 1st Movement Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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