

**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](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Elizabeth Brown; Marini Karimi, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; John MacDonald, 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.

**Trustees:** Donald Rustemeyer; Hugh McBride, Mac McClendon, and Robert Rustemeyer.

**Staff and Church Leaders:**

The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor  
Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph  
Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic  
Church Administrator - Anna Torgerson  
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*Becoming the Beloved Community*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.*



**May 12, 2024**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude

Ave Maria

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship (From Psalm 1)

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked;

**All: We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.**

One: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water;

**All: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.**

\* Hymn #667

Lord, Speak to Me

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides.**

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

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 1 (p. 489)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Acts 1:15-17,21-26 (p. 118–119)

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

Message: "A Church of Easter People: Planted and Moving Forward"

"Moment for Leadership": Robert Rustemeyer

\* Affirmation of Faith (*from the Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

\* Hymn #56

To God Be the Glory

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

## Thanksgiving

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Time for Generosity

Offertory

You Are the Love  
The Chancel Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Sending

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\* Hymn #572

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

George Frederic Handel

*(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)*

\* Going Forth

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

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