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 Samuel Peng; Jill Kaeding, cello; Angela De Venuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; Melinda Nano and the Sunday School class, 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 Church Administrator - Anna Torgerson Church Treasurer - John Yonan Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



Have you heard of the Mustard Seed Tree?

June 16, 2024 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Cello Solo Jill Kaeding, Cello and George Radosavljevic, Piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. * Call to Worship

One: Some look to technology or power to bring them salvation,

All: but we look to God.

- One: Some look to quantity or efficiency as signs of success,
- All: but we look to God.
- One: For you, O God, have made us whole.
- All: At the works of your hands we sing for joy!

* Hymn #453 Happy Our Home When God Is There ST. AGNES

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are a blessing to all people yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. 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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (p. 181)

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

Second Lesson: Mark 4: 26-32 (p. 38)

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

Message: Reflections from the Sunday School Class

* Hymn #404 Faith of Our Fathers ST. CATHERINE

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory Every Time I think of You Ruth Elaine Schram The Chancel Choir with Jill Kaeding, cello

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-dom and build your beloved community. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #107 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (2x) LORD | LIFT YOUR NAME

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Le pas Espagnol Serge Rachmaninoff

Leo Radosavljevic 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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