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; AJ Wester, alto and George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



September 29, 2024 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross arr. Herbert Colvin
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: We gather in this place

seeking to live in faithful community

and asking God to guide us.

All: Lord, revive our souls,

One: that we might lift each other up.

All: Lord, revive our souls,

One: that we might order our communities

in ways that lead us toward love.

All: Lord, revive our souls

* Hymn #215 When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (inspired by James 3:13-4:3)

God of Love, we confess that we have failed to recognize our part in bringing your kingdom to life here on earth. We have not used our power for the benefit of all God's children. We have neglected to use the knowledge and wisdom you have given us to heal or enact justice. Forgive us for our failures to act, and open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Give us the courage to walk that path, even if for the very first time. AMEN

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: Glory to God

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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: Mark 9:38-42 (p. 45)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30 (p. 129-130)

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

Message: "For or Against?"

* Affirmation of Faith (see insert)

* Hymn (see insert) Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness SPIRIT

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory Jesus, Name Above all Names arr. Bill Wolaver
The Chancel Choir

Accept all that is offered in this place this day, O God. Accept our material commitments to build a more peaceable family on this earth and in our own communities. Accept our personal commitments to become a people who break cycles of hatred and retaliation, in both large-scale and everyday ways. Use these gifts, and use us messy people, for the rebuilding of a world of hope and healing in your name, Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #97 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude: O, How I Love Jesus - American Melody, arr. Joel Raney Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

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^{*} Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

^{*} Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

^{*} Going Forth *Please rise in body and /or in Spirit