

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, liturgist; Assisting us in worship: 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**

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The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor
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Becoming the Beloved Community

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude God's Time is Best J.S. Bach arr. E. Power Biggs

Pat Radosavljevic, organ

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17)

One: The way of Christ turns the world upside down.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It leads us to enemy-love and scandalous forgiveness.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It calls us beyond reciprocity into radical giving.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: So let us commit our way to the Lord together

All: until our righteousness shines like the dawn and our justice like high noon.

*Hymn #624

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

SPARROW

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining. The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts. 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

VASILE

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: Luke 6:27–38 (p. 64-65)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (p. 42)

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

Message: "Forgiveness Toward Transformation"

* Affirmation of Faith— The Apostle's Creed (*see screen*)

* Hymn (*see insert*) "For the Healing of the Nations"

ST THOMAS

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: What Wondrous Love is This arr. Eugene Oldham
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #712

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Polonaise in A Major Frederic Chopin
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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