**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 Elizabeth Brown, liturgist; Angela De Venuto, soprano; Julie Soroka, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass 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.



March 9, 2025 1st Sunday in Lent

### Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

**Gordon Young** 

Pat Radosavljevic, organ

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91)

One: Where is our home?

All: Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

One: How can this be our refuge?

All: Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it

from evil and threat.

One: How can we flourish?

All: Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to abundance.

One: Let us worship God.

\*Hymn #686 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: Gloria Patri GREATOREX

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 91 (p. 548)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 8:40-56 (p. 68-69)

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

Message: "From Wilderness to Glory: Jesus Among the Crowds"

\* Affirmation of Faith (see insert)

\* Hymn #314 "What Wonderous Love is This" wondrous Love

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

## **Thanksgiving**

Time for Generosity

Offertory: Lamb of God The Chancel Choir John Carter

You have shown us, O God, the sacrifice that you desire. Now use these gifts — and use our lives — to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Sending

\* Hymn (see insert) "On Eagle's Wings" ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Praeludium in d minor Pachelbel Leo Radosavljevic, organist

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

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

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<sup>\*</sup> Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication