

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 Jim Nadder, liturgist; 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**

Session Ruling Elders: Georgette Joseph, John Yonan, Elizabeth Brown, David Americus, and Peter Ellyin, Don Rustemeyer, Helen Robles.

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Trustees: Jim Nadder, Hugh McBride, Mac McClendon, and Robert Rustemeyer.

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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.

*From Wilderness
to Glory*



March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Variations on Adoro Te, Devote
Plainsong Melody, Mode V ca. 13th century
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

Dale Wood

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63)

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

All: **My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

One: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

One: So I will bless you as long as I live;

All: **I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

*Hymn #630 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. In Jesus' name, 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 63:1-8 (p. 527)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: John 15:9-17 (p. 109-110)

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

Message: "From Wilderness to Glory: Jesus Among Friends"

* Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn *(see insert)* "Help Us Accept Each Other" BARONITA

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: It is Well With My Soul arr. Mark Hayes
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

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 #426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Adagio in f minor W. A. Mozart

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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