

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; A J 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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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.

*We are
Witnesses
to these things*

**April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter**

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

Prelude

Reflections on the water

George Radosavljevic, piano

Claude Debussy

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118:14-29)

One: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel’s corner-stones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

All: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.

One: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

All: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord’s doing.

One: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

All: this is the day that the Lord has made.

One: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad.

*Hymn #370 “Rejoice, the Lord is King” DARWALL

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

O God, your love is boundless, and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don’t notice that you aren’t even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

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: Acts 5:27-32 (p. 122–123)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 24:13-21 (p. 90)

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

Message: "What Is Your Witness?"

* Affirmation of Faith (see insert)

* Hymn (see insert) “The Risen Christ” WOODLANDS

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: Let the Whole Creation Cry Jay Althouse
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God”

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world— giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #444 “I Love to Tell the Story” HANKEY

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: The Heavens are Telling Ludwig Van Beethoven
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

* Going Forth

*Please rise in body and/ or in Spirit

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