

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 James 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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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.

Love
One
Another

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard
Pat Radosavljevic, organ and George Radosavljevic, piano

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 148)

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

*Hymn #101 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” OLD HUNDREDTH

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love, freely given without expectation or strings attached, like the unconditional love of a bridegroom. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others, holding court in our own hearts.

We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return, missing the trustworthy and true nature of your boundless forgiveness. Forgive us, Redeeming God. And transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your world are transformed.

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: Psalm 148 (p. 582-583)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: John 13:31-35 (p. 108)
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Love Anyway!"

* Affirmation of Faith (see insert)
* Hymn (see insert) “Let Us Build a House” TWO OAKS

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: His Eye is on the Sparrow arr. Mark Hayes
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God”

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
Generous God, receive these gifts that we place before your throne. Do more with them than we can ask or imagine, furthering the holy work of your new kingdom in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who revealed to us the truth of your loving commands.

Sending

* Hymn #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians” ST. BRENDAN’S

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Prelude in c minor J.S. Bach
George Radosavljevic, piano

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

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