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 Peter Ellyin, 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.

Deacons: Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyin, Helen Oshona, Hilda Karam, and Shirley Rustemeyer, Sarah Murfey.

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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.

June 8, 2025
Day of Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude — Lord, I'll Go — Arr Jacqueline Hairston
Angela De Venuto, soprano

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: O Lord, our God, you are very great.
All: You are clothed in glory and majesty, wrapped in a robe of light.
One: You set the earth on its foundations, never to be shaken.
All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.
One: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live.
Let us sing praises to God our whole life long.
All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #389 "Spirit of the Living God" IVERSON

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our sin. We have ignored your word.

We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day and receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for 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 2:1-21 (p. 119)
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: John 14:15-21, 25-27 (P.109)
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Comforted and Inspired by the Holy Spirit"

* Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

* Hymn *(see insert)* "O Day of Joy and Wonder" JONATHAN'S TUNE

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: Send Forth A Dove — Joseph M. Martin
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 *(see insert)* "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" PENTECOST

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: The Lord is My Light
Leo Radosavljevic, bass

* Going Forth

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

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