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 Sarah Murfey, liturgist; Elizabeth Brown, organ; Jill Kaeding, cello; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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

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Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.



June 29, 2025
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude — "A Song Without Words" — Craig Phillips
Elizabeth Brown, organ & Jill Kaeding, cello

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”
All: Lord, help us follow where you lead.
One: Jesus said, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”
All: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.
One: Jesus said, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.”
All: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.
One: Let us worship God.

*Hymn #592 “Jesus Calls Us” GALILEE

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we too often give in to the yearnings of the flesh. We have impure thoughts. We idolize those who misuse power. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger. We neglect to care for others and gratify our own desires.

Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin. Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace. Send your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity, and lead us to be gentle in our care for all of your people.

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: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (p. 190-191)
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 9:51-62 (P. 70-71)
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: “Our Freedom Amidst a Sense of Urgency”

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

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

* Hymn # 676 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL’S STORY

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: “Sicilienne” Maria-Theresia von Paradis
Jill Kaeding, Cello

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God”

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the undeserved blessings you give us. Most of all, we thank and praise you for your indescribable gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Give us grateful hearts and willing lives so we may follow our Lord where he leads us and serve our Lord as he calls us. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #38 “Ye Servants of God” HANOVER

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Chorale Prelude on Hanover” Alec Rowley

* Going Forth

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

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