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 Anna Maria Virga, liturgist; Angela De Venuto, soprano; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, baritone 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.



September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude — Barcarolle from Songs Without Words — Felix Mendelssohn
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 139 and Jeremiah 18)

One: Like clay on a wheel

All: God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us.

One: And like moldable clay,

All: God continues to shape us.

One: Let us worship God.

* Hymn #328 "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you know us better than anyone else. You formed us in your own image. And yet, we sometimes stray from the gift you've given us. We keep people at a distance, letting systemic and personal barriers get in the way of relationships. Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear your call to change and do better. Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged. Help us to think of you and those around us. Amen.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: "Glory to God"

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: Jeremiah 18:1-9 (p. 720)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 14:25-33 (p. 78)

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

Message: "Like Clay in the Hands of a Potter…"

* Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostle's Creed)*

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Hymn *(See insert)* "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen" SURGE ECCLESIA

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory Come Share the Lord - arr. Keith Christpher
Words & Music Bryan Jeffery Leech
The Chancel Choir

Doxology # 815 Praise God OLD HUNDREDTH

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper *(See insert)*

Prayer after Communion *(See insert)*

Sending

* Hymn *(See insert)* "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Trumpet in Dialogue - Louis Nicolas Clerambault
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth

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

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