**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; AJ Wester, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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*Becoming the Beloved Community*

# Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.*




**September 14, 2025**
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

## Gathering in God's Name

Prelude — O God, Thou Faithful God — Johannes Brahms
*Pat Radosavljevic, organ*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

**All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

One: Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended. God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,

**All: for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them,**

One: so we boldly come to make an offering of worship to the God of mercy, who seeks and saves the lost.

**All: Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!**

*Hymn #343 "Amazing Grace" AMAZING GRACE C.M.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**God of loving kindness, have mercy on us.
According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. From the moment of our conception we have worked to separate ourselves from your love. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you.**

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: I Timothy 1:12-17 (p. 208)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Luke 15:1-10 (p. 78)

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

Message: "God Longs to Save…"

* Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn #33 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

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

## Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory: Come With Singing J.S. Bach
*The Chancel Choir*

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. Amen.**

## Sending

* Hymn #56 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
*Traditional Welsh Hymn arr. Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard*
*Pat Radosavljevic, organ George Radosavljevic, piano*

* Going Forth

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

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