

Welcome to Worship on this Third Sunday of Easter

“Easter” comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter we stand in the light of the resurrection to see a new creation transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his church, proclaiming this Good News through Word and Sacrament. More than one day, we celebrate the season of Easter for 50 days - greater than the prior 40-day season of Lent. The Easter season concludes with the Day of Pentecost (this year on June 9). Our worship and scripture lessons focus on the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who is present with us by the Holy Spirit.

If you are here today for the first or second time, we hope you feel welcome as a guest of this community of faith. 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! Please talk with our pastor, and learn more by visiting us at www.cwupc.org and www.pcusa.org and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Assisting us in worship today are Ashlee Hardgrove , Pat Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic, Afua Akompong, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry

Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Easter, and the scripture lessons are Revelation 7:9-17 and Acts 9:36-43. **You and yours** are most welcome.

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The Community of

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship
During the Great 50 Days of Easter - 2019
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*



May 5, 2019

The Third Sunday of Easter

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude "Great is Thy Faithfulness" William Marian Runyan
Ashlee Hardgrove, soloist

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

One: Christ is risen! All: Christ is risen indeed!

*Call to Worship

Come to worship the One who heals us,
who opens our eyes to the goodness of God's world.

Come to worship the One who frees us,
who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.

Come to worship the One who calls us,
who offers us life and showers us with grace.

*Hymn # 225 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

*Opening Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
Through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Words of Encouragement

One: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved.
All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen!

*Act of Praise # 813 "Glory be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen Amen.

*The Peace

One: ... The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.
(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14 (p. 248)
Holy Wisdom, holy Word. - Thanks be to God

Offering of Music "Total Praise" Richard Smallwood

Gospel Acclamation / Second Lesson (*On Screen*): Acts 9:1-20 (p. 127-128)
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Time with Young Disciples
(*Children are invited to come to the chancel steps, and then go to child care.*)

*Hymn # 434 "Revive Us Again" REVIVE US AGAIN

Sermon "The Arc of Conversion"

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (*On screen*)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory "Come Share the Lord" Bryan Jeffrey Leech

*Response # 815 "Doxology" OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures,
here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (*See Insert*)

Sending

*Hymn (*See insert*) "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Amen, Amen!" Traditional Spiritual
(*You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude.*)

*Going Forth
(*You are most welcome to coffee hour downstairs - follow the crowd*)

**Please rise in body and/or in spirit!*