

**Welcome to Worship** on this 17th Sunday after Pentecost, and this **World Communion Sunday**. Today we join with many Christians around the world who like us will gather around the Lord's Table, and celebrate the feast. Though churches differ slightly in their understanding of Communion, we celebrate an essential unity in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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](http://www.cwupc.org) and [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Also assisting us in worship today** are Pat and George Radosavljevic, Isaac Stevenson, the Chancel Choir, Afua Akompong, and Ken Hockenberry.

**Next Sunday** is the 18th Sunday after Pentecost, and the scripture lessons are Philippians 3:4b-14 and Matthew 21:33-46. **You and yours** are most welcome.

**The Session, Deacons, Trustees, and Staff of  
Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

**Session Ruling Elders:** (2017), Barbara Boba, Sam Mirza, Abe Samuels, (2018) Kenneth Jacobs, Carolyn Kapteyn, Doris Nadder, John Serritella, Sam Bakou; (2019) Lisa Novel.

**Deacons:** (2017) Sue Americus, Lynn O'Dea, Hilda Karam; (2018) Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyin, Rita Witzgall; (2019) Neena Ishu, Helen Oshona.

**Trustees:** (2017) Hugh McBride, Mac McClendon, Robert Rustemeyer; (2018) Julia Dooman, Rodney Esmael; (2019) Donald Rustemeyer.

**Staff and Church Leaders:**

Interim Pastor - Ken Hockenberry  
Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic  
Church Secretary - Karen Daughtry  
Clerk of Session - Sam Mirza  
Church Treasurer - John Yonan  
Financial Secretary - Doris Nadder  
Worship Technician - Elliott Nott  
Nursery Attendants - Silva Birwari & Noora Badeen

*The Community of*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship  
During the Sundays After Pentecost - 2017*

**Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM**



**October 1, 2017**

The Seventeenth Sunday Sunday After Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

**Gathering in God's Name**

---

Gathering of the People

Prelude "United In His Love"

CINDY BERRY

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let every tongue confess the good news:  
**Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God!**

\*Hymn (GTG) # 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

**God our redeemer,  
we confess that we remain captivated by sin.  
We promise to serve you, then we fail to do your will.  
We pretend to follow you, then we go our own way.**

**Forgive us yet again, we pray.  
Let us be no longer bound by sin,  
but released, restored, set free  
to worship and serve you in freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

One: . . . Sisters and brothers, believe this good news:  
**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Act of Praise HALLE HALLE

**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah!**

**\*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: Philippians 2:1-13 (p.197)  
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "Thy Word Is a Lamp" M. SMITH

Second Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32 (p. 23-24)

Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

**Time with Young Disciples**

*(Children are invited to come to the chancel steps, and then go to child care.)*

\*Hymn (GTG) # 300 "We Are One in the Spirit" THEY'LL KNOW....

Sermon "By What Authority?"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

**Thanksgiving**

---

Offering and Offertory "One Bread, One Body" JOHN B. FOLEY

\*Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

Celebration of the Lord's Supper *(Please see insert and screen)*

**Sending**

---

\*Hymn (GTG) # 832 "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand" KWAKE YESU....

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "O, How I Love Jesus" ARR. LLOYD LARSON  
*(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude.)*

\*Going Forth

*(Please join one another for coffee hour downstairs - follow the crowd)*

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