

Welcome to Worship on this 18th Sunday after Pentecost.
This season of the church year, also called “Ordinary Time” focuses on the particular scripture passages for each Sunday. We are following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Today - and back again by popular demand - we welcome to the pulpit Garrett Weight, who served here as a seminary intern from January to May of 2017. Garrett is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, with a Master of Arts in Religion. Please welcome Garrett and his wife Shelby, and thank him for preaching for us again today. **Pastor Ken** will be back next Sunday, and will be staying put for the next several months.

Also assisting us in worship today are Pat and George Radosavljevic, Jim Nadder, and the Chancel Choir.

Next Sunday is the 19th Sunday after Pentecost, and the scripture lessons are Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 22:1-14.

You and yours are most welcome.

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**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

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

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

TO
LIVE
IS
Philippians 1:21
CHRIST
AND
TO
DIE
IS
TO
GAIN

October 8, 2017

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering in God’s Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude “Andante”

HERMANN SCHROEDER

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.

All we have - it is as nothing
compared with knowing Jesus Christ as Lord.

***Hymn # 331(GTG) "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" NATIONAL HYMN**

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God,
we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You gave us the gift of your law,
but we do not keep your commandments.
You sent your Son to save us,
but we sent him to his death.

Forgive us one more time, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne. 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: Psalm 19:7-14 (p. 499)
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "The Worship of God in Nature" LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14 (p. 198)
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 # 450 (GTG) "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE**

Sermon "To Live Is Christ"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory "Change My Heart O God" EDDIE ESPINOSA

***Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer *(On Screen)

Sending

***Hymn # 846 (GTG) "Fight the Good Fight" DUKE STREET**

***Invitation to Discipleship**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "Let All Things Now Living" 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!*