

**Welcome to Worship** on this 13th 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.

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.

Today we welcome the Rev. Annie Epling, a PCUSA pastor visiting in our area, and we thank her for preaching for us today. Also assisting us in worship today are Pat and George Radosavljevic, Shirley Rustemeyer, Hugh McBride, Leo Radosavljevic, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday is the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, and the scripture lessons are Exodus 12:1-14 and Romans 12:9-21. You and yours are most welcome.

**The Session, Deacons, Trustees, and Staff of  
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**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.

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**Staff and Church Leaders:**

Interim Pastor - Ken Hockenberry  
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*The Community of*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

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

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



**September 3, 2017**

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Gathering in God’s Name**

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Gathering of the People

Prelude “Sonata”

MOZART

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

### \*Call to Worship

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship -  
**We bring the burdens of the week.**

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

**We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.**

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

**We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.**

### \*Hymn (*See Insert*)

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LEONI

### Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile,  
getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news,  
by our own short tempers and failings.**

**You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder,  
unable to find that solid thing that will center us again.**

**Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center,  
and to cling to the good that you create in the world.**

**Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices,  
all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world’s hurt.**

**Help us to grow even more into Christ’s likeness,  
that we will bear his love and truth to the world.**

**We pray in his name. 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: Matthew 16:21-28 (p.18)

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

Offering of Music “Whispering Hope”

ALICE HAWTHORNE

Second Lesson: Exodus 14:10-31 (p. 60-61)

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 (*See Insert*) “When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land” GO DOWN MOSES

Sermon “When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough ...”

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

## Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory “Precious Lord, Take My Hand“

\*Doxology # 815 “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDTH

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

## Sending

\*Hymn # 682 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWN RHONDDA

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Toccata” GIGUE

*(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!*