

Welcome to Worship on this 15th 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 and www.pcusa.org and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Also assisting us in worship today are Pat and George Radosavljevic, Anita Bakou, The Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost, and the scripture lessons are Philippians 1:21-30 and Matthew 20:33-46. **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
Music Director and Organist - Pat Radosavljevic
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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 17, 2017

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering in God’s Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude “Rondeau”

JOSEPH MOURET

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.

Whether we live or die, we belong to God.
For Jesus Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.

*Hymn # 221 "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord" AZMON

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**God our redeemer,
we confess that we remain captivated by sin.
You move heaven and earth to save us,
but we are unmoved by the suffering of others.
You are willing to forgive again and again,
but we are unwilling to forgive the debts of others.**

**Forgive us again, we pray.
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, and 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!

*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: Romans 14:1-12 (p. 163)
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "Because You are God's Chosen Ones" G. ALAN SMITH

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 20)
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 # 488 "Just As I Am" WOODWORTH

Sermon "I Believe In . . . The Forgiveness of Sins"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory "How Firm a Foundation" GILBERT MARTIN

*Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending

*Hymn *(See Insert)* "God, How Can We Forgive" LEONI

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Rigaudon" ANDRE CAMPRA
(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!*