

**Welcome to Worship** on this 16th 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 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, and is seeking a church position in youth work. Please welcome Garrett and his wife Shelby, and thank him for preaching for us today.

**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. 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, John Yonan, and The Chancel Choir.

**Next Sunday** Pastor Ken returns, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, and the scripture lessons are Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32. **You and yours** are most welcome.

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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 24, 2017**

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Gathering in God’s Name**

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Gathering of the People

Prelude “Beautiful Savior”

FLOR PETERS

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.**

Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.  
**Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.**

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

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

**God our redeemer,  
we confess that we remain captivated by sin.  
You shower your blessing upon us,  
yet we continue to complain.  
You give us more than we deserve,  
yet we resent your goodness to others.**

**Forgive us we pray. Free us from this burden.  
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 1:21-30 (p. 196-197)  
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "Panis Angelicus" CESAR FRANCK

Second Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 21-22)  
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) "For the Fruit of All Creation" AD HYD Y NOS

Sermon "The Laborers in the Vineyard"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

**Thanksgiving**

Offering and Offertory "Let the Whole Creation Cry" JAY ALTHOUSE

\*Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**Sending**

\*Hymn (See Insert) "God of the Fertile Fields" ITALIAN HYMN

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Great is the Lord" ARR. MARK HAYES  
*(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!*