

Welcome to Worship on this 1st Sunday in Lent. During the 40-day season Lent (not counting the Sundays) we walk toward the cross with Jesus. It is a season to slow down, to reflect, and to remember our mortality. Such reflection helps us prepare for the season of life and the hope of eternal life celebrated in the great 50 days of Easter

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, The Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday is the 2nd in Lent, and the scripture lessons are Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, and Mark 8:31-38.

You and yours are most welcome.

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The Community of
**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship
During the Season of Lent - 2018*

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



February 18, 2018
The First Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude "Prayer"

W. A. MOZART

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Call to Worship

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

God's promise is for all generations;
And God's covenant is with the whole of creation.

*Hymn (*See Insert*) "God of the Sparrow" ROEDER

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**God our Redeemer,
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
You have claimed us in your covenant,
yet we forget your steadfast love.
You seek us out in the wilderness,
yet we continue to wander in our sin.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.
Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you
and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison - "Lord, Have Mercy" (*On screen*)

Words of Forgiveness

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

*Act of Praise # 526 (*Stanza 1*) "The Solid Rock" SOLID ROCK
**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand - all other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

*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: Genesis 9:8-17 (p. 7)
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "Were You There?" SPIRITUAL ARR. HAROLD DECOU

Second Lesson: Mark 1:12-15 (p. 34)
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*) "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST FLAVIAN

Sermon "Finds in the Wilderness"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory His Eye is on the Sparrow ARR. ROGER EMERSON

*Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending

*Hymn # 630 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Charge, Benediction, and Meditation

Postlude "Postlude on 'Ebenezer'" GORDON YOUNG
(*You are invited to remain 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!*