

**Welcome to Worship** on this 5th 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](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, Leo Radosavljevic, John Yonan, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

**Next Sunday** is Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. The scripture lessons are Mark 11:1-11 and Mark 15:1-39.

**You and yours** are most welcome.

**The Session, Deacons, Trustees, and Staff of  
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**Session Ruling Elders:** (2018) Kenneth Jacobs, Carolyn Kapteyn, Doris Nadder, John Serritella, Sam Bakou; (2019) Lisa Novel; (2020) Barbara Boba, Georgette Joseph

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(2019) Neena Ishu, Helen Oshona.

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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**



**March 18, 2018**  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Gathering of the People

Prelude "Prelude in G Minor" J.S. BACH

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.

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.  
We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

\*Hymn # 650 "O for a Heart to Praise My God"

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## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer,  
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.  
You write your law in our hearts,  
yet we pretend we do not know you.  
You offer to cleanse and renew our hearts,  
yet we cling to sin and violence.

Forgive us, God of grace.  
Teach us to delight in your way, to seek you with all our hearts,  
and to trust in your saving love; 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.  
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## \*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

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### Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p. 735)  
Holy wisdom, Holy word - Thanks be to God

Offering of Music "On the Cross for Me" KAREN THOMAS SHOVIC

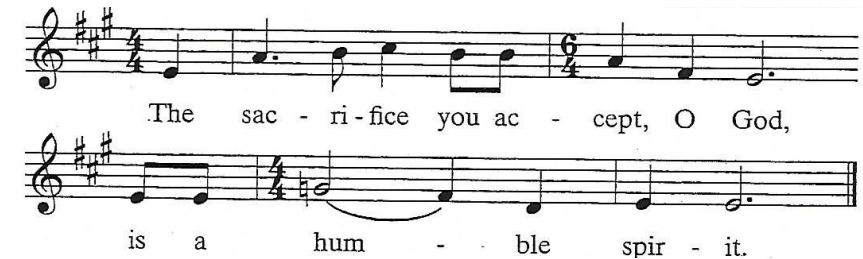
Second Lesson: Psalm 51: 1-17 (p. 520-521)  
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## Time with Young Disciples

(Children are invited to come to the chancel steps, and then go to child care.)

## Psalm 51 - A Responsorial Psalm

(When indicated, please sing the refrain)



Sermon "Our Sins - and God's Response"

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

## Thanksgiving

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Offering and Offertory "But Who May Abide (from Messiah)" G.F. HANDEL

\*Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

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

## Sending

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\*Hymn (See insert) "Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life" IRISH

Invitation to Discipleship

Charge, Benediction, and Meditation

Postlude "Waltz in A Minor, Op. 39, No. 14" BRAHMS  
(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!*