

Welcome to Worship on this 4th Sunday of Easter.
In this 50-day season we celebrate the Resurrection of the Jesus Christ our Lord!
Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Easter is the highest holy day and season of the year. More than one day, the season of Easter lasts for 50 days - greater than the prior 40-day season of Lent. The Easter season concludes with the Day of Pentecost (this year on May 20). Our worship and scripture lessons focus on the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, who is present with us by the Holy Spirit.

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, John Yonan, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

Next Sunday is the 5th of Easter, and the scripture lessons are I John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8.

You and yours are most welcome.

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The Community of

**Carter - Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**

Gathered for Worship

During the Great 50 Days of Easter - 2018

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



April 22, 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering of the People

Prelude "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Beloved, we are God's children now;
when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

*Hymn # 357

"Christ Arose"

CHRIST AROSE

Opening Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you raised Jesus from death to life,
the One who is our good shepherd,
who gathers us together.

Grant that we may never wander from your flock,
but follow wherever Jesus leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you forever.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Encouragement

One: Our Savior Jesus Christ has passed from death to life!
All: **Jesus Christ calls us to live a new life - now!**

*Act of Praise (*On Screen*)

"Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!"

HALLE HALLE

Halle, Halle, Halle -lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle -lujah!
Halle, Halle, Halle -lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*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: John 10:11-21 (p. 103-104)
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music "Sing The Lord's Song"

NATALIE SLEETH

Gospel Acclamation (*On Screen*)

Second Lesson: I John 3:1-3, 11, 16-24 (p. 240)
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*)

"My Life Flows On"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Sermon

"Named As God's Children"

Affirmation of Faith - *from* "The Confession of Belhar" (*See insert*)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory "Alleluia, Praise His Name" RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

*Doxology # 815

"Praise God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending

*Hymn # 288

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"All Hail the Power"

ARR. ROBERT THYGERSON

(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!*