

**Welcome to Worship** on this 3rd 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](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 Lindsay Mecher, Pat and George Radosavljevic, Jim Nadder, the Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

**Next Sunday** is the 4th of Easter, and the scripture lessons are I John 3:1-3, 11-24.

**You and yours** are most welcome.

**The Session, Deacons, Trustees, and Staff of  
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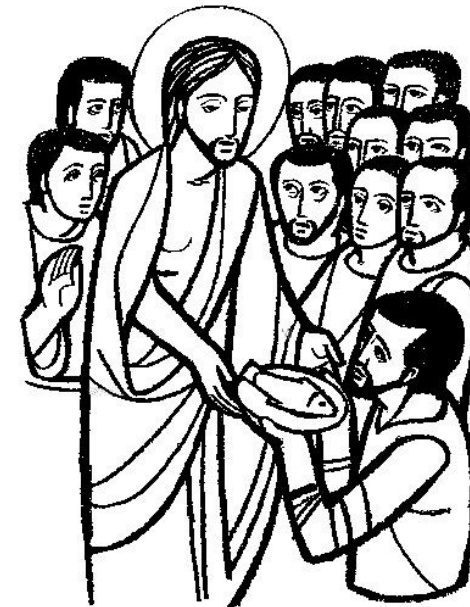
*The Community of*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship*

*During the Great 50 Days of Easter - 2018*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM*



**April 15, 2018**  
The Third Sunday of Easter

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Gathering of the People

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ARR. DIANE BISH

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!**

Jesus stands among us still, offering words of peace;  
**We are witnesses of these things.**

\*Hymn (*See insert*) “The Strife is O’er”

VICTORY

## Opening Prayer of the Day

**Holy One, through your only Son your overcame death,  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.**

**Grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection,  
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,  
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness.**

**We pray through the same 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 (*See 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: Acts 3:12-20a (p. 120-121)  
Holy wisdom, Holy word - **Thanks be to God**

Offering of Music “Thou Art Gone Up On High” (*Messiah*) G.F. HANDEL

### Gospel Acclamation (*On Screen*)

Second Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48 (p. 91)  
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 # 438 “Jesus Saves!” JESUS SAVES

Sermon “We Had Hoped”

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

## Thanksgiving

Offering and Offertory “Alleluia” W. A. MOZART

\*Doxology # 815 “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDTH

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

## Sending

\*Hymn (*See insert*) “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” LINSTED

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Celebration” JAMES MANSFIELD  
(*You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude.*)

Special Congregational Meeting (*following our worship service*)

\*Going Forth  
(*Please join one another for coffee hour downstairs - follow the crowd*)

*\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit!*