

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

PRELUDE

"The Lord's Prayer"
Leo Radosavljevic, soloist

Malotte

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 27)

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

Whom, then, shall we fear?

The Lord is the strength of our lives.

Of whom shall we be afraid?

Wait for the Lord in faith.

We will take heart, and wait for the Lord.

The Lord knows our needs, and the desires of our hearts.

The Lord seeks what is best for us, and is always with us!

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

OPENING HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days" GTG # 166

Time of Spiritual Centering: Confession and Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of day and God of darkness, all our time belongs to you. Yet how often we fail to notice your nearness, feel your presence, trust your guidance. We desire only good times, happy moments, and miss your work in the shadows. We avoid conflict with others and fear looking deep within ourselves. Sometimes it feels we have no place left to run, no place left to hide. Loving God, hold us during these Lenten days so we can look at ourselves, our relationships, our openness to you. In brightness or darkness, let us always know your healing, freeing, guiding presence. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Word Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Mark 1: 9-15

SERMON "Turning Forty"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TIME FOR GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY "Adagio" Marcello-Bach
George Radosavljevic, pianist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Loving God, there is nothing we can offer you that even begins to compare with all that you have given to us. So we come humbly before you, and offer you what we can—our praise, our thanks, our devotion, and a portion of our worldly resources. Make our offering acceptable in your sight this morning, Lord, we pray. Use it to further your purposes within our world, and within us. Help us to grow as Christ's disciples so that we offer our very lives as a holy and living offering to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" GTG # 165

CHARGE AND BENECTION

POSTLUDE "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe

Assisting in Worship:

Annette Serritella, Lindsay Mecher, Leo Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and the Reverend Dr. Lolly Dominski.