

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude The Twenty-Third Psalm

Emily Crisp, soloist

Albert Hay Malotte

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

(All congregational responses and unison readings to be whispered)

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Call to Worship (Psalm 95:6-7; John 10:27)
(Please whisper)

O come, let us bow down and worship;
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
For the Lord is our God;
we are the Lord's people,
the flock that God shepherds.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.
I know them, and they follow me.

Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession
(Please whisper)

O Christ our Shepherd, we confess that we are often troublesome members of your flock. We wander away on paths of our own choosing. Even though you call us by name, we turn deaf ears to your calling. We follow habits and values that turn out to be thieves, robbing us of our true purpose in life. We say the "Lord is my Shepherd," but we often act as though we were members of no flock at all. O Lord, forgive us and restore us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness
(Please whisper)

...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

One: ... The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

Word Proclaimed

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 10:11-18

One: The Word of the Lord. - All: Thanks be to God.

Offering of Music

Second Lesson: Psalm 23

One: The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Pursued by Goodness and Mercy”

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed
(Please whisper)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory “Sinfonia from Cantata No. 156” J.S. Bach

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer
(Please whisper)

Sending

Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “All Hail the Power” arr. Joel Raney
(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude.)

*Going Forth

*Please rise in body and/or in Spirit

Welcome to Worship at Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

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 - talk with our Pastor, and learn more by visiting us at www.cwupc.org and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Assisting us in worship today are Elizabeth Brown; Emily Crisp, soprano; Lindsay Mecher, Mezzo Soprano; Leo Radosavljevic, Bass Baritone; George Radosavljevic, piano; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director and Bridge Pastor William J. Ingersoll

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