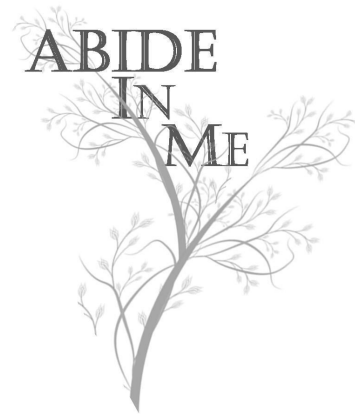


Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



**June 13, 2021
Third Sunday After Pentecost**

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in G Major" J.S. Bach

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
(Please whisper)

The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

The winds of the spirit have given us breath and the fire of the spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of the Spirit!

Opening Hymn "What is the World Like"

NEW WORLD

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession
(Please whisper)

Ever-loving, ever-living God, you have given us life itself and have asked us to be life-giving people in your name. But we have cared more for ourselves and for our own comforts than we have for your people in every place. Our hearts and minds are too crowded with all the things that make us feel self-satisfied. People on our streets go hungry because we make sure that we are full before even thinking about them. God, please forgive us, and give us the purpose to be faithful disciples, trusting in your care; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

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

Glory to God

Second Lesson: Mark 4:26-34

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

Sermon "Seeds of God's Kingdom"

Affirmation of Faith - (Apostles' Creed)
(Please whisper)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory "It is Well with My Soul" arr. Eleanor Whitsett

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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our lives, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in healing the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

Closing Hymn "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYDY NOS

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Scherzo No. 2" Frederic Chopin
(You are invited 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.

The bouquets of Chancel flowers were given by Sam Mirza, in loving memory of Mary Mirza. **Assisting us in worship today** are Sam Mirza, Lindsay Mecher, George Radosavljevic; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director and the Reverend Tom Forster-Smith. (Please see his biographical information in the Announcements)

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