

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



September 19, 2021

17th Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "Allegro" Mozart

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 inspired by James 3:13- 4:8) *(Please whisper)*

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

* Hymn "God of the Fertile Fields" *(on screen)*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession *(Please whisper)*

Lord Jesus Christ,

We call you Lord,

Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.

Other activities, other relationships, other gods.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters,

Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,

Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.

Forgive us, gracious Savior,

When our hearts are led astray

When we serve other gods and worship them.

We turn away from our distractions and sin.

Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,

To take up our cross and follow you.

We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen. (Chip Hardwick)

Words of Assurance *(inspired by James 3)*

When we come before God in humility and honesty,

God draws near to us with forgiveness

and renewed blessing.

Thanks be to God!

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Without leaving your seat, share the peace with those around you)

Word Proclaimed

First Lesson: Psalm 1 (page 489)

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

Glory to God

Second Lesson: James 3:13 - 4:8 (page 230–231)

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Sermon “Am I Wise?”

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. John Coates, Jr
Emily Crisp, Lindsay Mecher, and Leo Radosavljevic

* Doxology #815 “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDDTH

* Offering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer *(Please whisper)*

Heavenly Father, thank you that you can satisfy our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honor to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship to you. Multiply what we give for the effective growth of your kingdom through our beloved church. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with all the fullness of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #572 “Blessed Assurance”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Processional in G Major” John Stanley
(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.

Assisting us in worship today are Hilda Karam, Emily Crisp, Lindsay Mecher, Leo Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director and the Reverend Dr. Stephen Pierce.

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