

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "Prelude in Db Major" Frederic Chopin
 George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 23)*

One: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

All: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

One: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

All: God is among us.

One: Come, let us worship and bow down;

All: God's goodness and mercy are always close.

* Hymn # 324 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG L.M.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" *(on screen)*

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 (p. 194)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Psalm 23 (p. 501)

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

Message: “On Being Led by the Good Shepherd ”

Affirmation of Faith (from The Brief Statement of Faith)

* Hymn #688 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us ” BRADBURY

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People - The Lord’s Prayer

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory “When Christ Comes to Die ” Hal Hopson
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (see insert) WALK WITH ME

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Sicillienne” J. S. Bach

(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, located at 4950 W. Pratt Avenue in Skokie, Illinois.

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 Jim Nadder; Jacqueline Piccolino, soprano; Lindsay Mecher, alto and George Radosavljevic, piano; the Chancel Choir; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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