

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathered for Worship

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 AM



March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "Prelude in C Minor" J.S. Bach
 Pat Radosavljevic, organ

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

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

One: We gather to worship God

All: God who makes bones dance

One: God who calls Lazarus from the grave.

All: God who forgives us and gives us hope.

* Hymn # 393 "Breath on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM S.M.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices and let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. We come into your presence confessing our sins, aware we have behaved in ways that are contrary to your desire for our living. We come into your presence aware that too often we allow lifelessness to gain the upper hand. We come into your presence aware that we put our trust in our own abilities. Forgive us, O God. Infuse us with your life-giving spirit. Breathe into us and make us come alive.

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: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p. 806)

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

Time With Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Psalm 130 (p. 573–574)

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

Message: “On Overcoming Despair”

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle’s Creed)

* Hymn “*Out of the Depths*” (see insert) FENNVILLE

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

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 “Praise God” OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Good and gracious God, may these gifts be one of the ways your life giving presence is experienced in our community. Use this money and use us to give hope to the hopeless, wholeness to the broken and fullness to the hungry. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn # 316 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” PASSION CHORALE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “God Is Good - All The Time” Don Moen
Members of Copper Coins

(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 Peter Ellyin; Elliott Nott; David, Michael, and Joey Americus; Angela Radosavljevic, Soprano; Lindsay Mecher, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass; George Radosavljevic, piano; The Chancel Choir; Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

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