

**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](http://www.cwupc.org) and on Facebook: Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

**Assisting us in worship today** are Anna Maria Virga; Angela DeVenuto, soprano; Lindsay Mecher, alto; Leo Radosavljevic, bass and George Radosavljevic, piano ; Pat Radosavljevic - Music Director; and Pastor Stuart Barnes Jamieson.

**The Session, Deacons, Trustees, Officers, and Staff of  
Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

**Session Ruling Elders:** Georgette Joseph, Carolyn Kapteyn, Najeba Badal, John Yonan, Elizabeth Brown, David Americus, Peter Ellyin, and Doris Nadder.

**Deacons:** Phyllis Boba, Irene Ellyin, Neena Ishu, Helen Oshona, Hilda Karam, and Shirley Rustemeyer.

**Trustees:** Donald Rustemeyer; Hugh McBride, Mac McClendon, and Robert Rustemeyer.

**Staff and Church Leaders:**

The Rev. Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Pastor

Clerk of Session - Georgette Joseph

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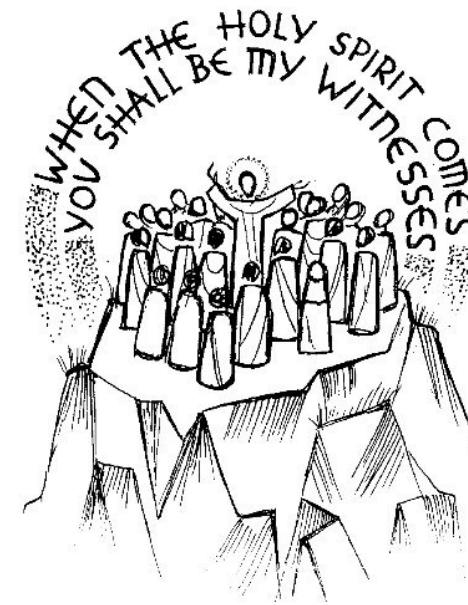
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*Becoming the Beloved Community*

**Carter - Westminster United  
Presbyterian Church**

*Gathered for Worship*

*Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.*



**May 21, 2023**

Ascension Sunday

**Gathering in God's Name**

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Prelude      "Morning" from the Peer Gynt Suite      Edvard Grieg  
Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship

One: Clap your hands, all people!

**All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

One: For God rules over earth and heaven.

**All: Sing our psalms of praise!**

One: God has gone up with a shout;

**All: let us make a joyful noise to God!**

\* Hymn # #568 "Open My Eyes That I May See" ST. LEONARDS

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Christ who was and is and is to come, we stand looking up at the heavens, looking for you there. Forgive us for believing that you have left us. Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us. Forgive us for waiting idly for your return, instead of doing the work you have called us to do. You are above us, around us, before us, and within us; help us to embody you in our time and place, today, tomorrow, and forevermore.**

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Forgiveness

One: ...Believe the good news.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Response: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Passing of the Peace

**Word Proclaimed**

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 24:44-53 (p. 91)

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

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Acts 1:1-14 (p. 118)  
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: "On Beyond Size"

\* Affirmation of Faith (*See Insert*)

\* Hymn #444 "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

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

**Thanksgiving**

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Time for Generosity

Minute for Mission *Young Adult Volunteer Program*

Offertory With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw  
The Chancel Choir

\* Doxology # 815 "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present, and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

**Sending**

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\* Hymn #375 "Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude: Lift High the Cross arr. Larry Shackley  
Pat Radosavljevic, organ

\* Going Forth  
*\*Please rise in body and/or in Spirit*

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