



“Getting Along With
Each Other, Pt. 2”

Pastor Carl McCormack

Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

16th Sunday After
Pentecost

Sept. 17, 2023

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Welcome & Announcements

Carleton Philbrick

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude

Jo Murry

*Call to Worship

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Come, let us worship Almighty God.

Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, and spirits.

Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

Breathe new life into us, O breath of God. Alleluia.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Carleton Philbrick

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose, enthusiasm, and courage after the manner of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen.

*Opening Song of Praise #307 “God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, answering your call we have become the church, your community of faith. But we confess that when you move in our corporate life, laying your hand upon us, we are tempted to try to shake it off. Any encounter with you means change for us, and we don’t like change very much. Yet you always seek what is best for us, and you continue to call us. Forgive us for holding on, or holding back, when your Spirit is trying to move us toward something new. Hear us as we silently confess the sins we would rather not have to say out loud...

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, proclaim with me the glorious news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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*Sharing the *Peace of Christ*

Prayer for Illumination

Carleton Philbrick

Holy God, your Word has the power to guide our feet to your Holy dwelling place. Strengthen us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 114

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When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 14:1-12

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Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the

dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

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Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, **"Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'"**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost—September 17, 2023

9:45am—Pastor Carl—the Bible in 90 Days—Parlor
11am—Worship Service
Pastor Carl McCormack

Monday, September 18, 2023

10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group—Conference Room

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

10am—Morning Bible Study—Parlor
10:30am—Caregivers Meeting
1pm—Afternoon Bible Study

Thursday—Saturday—09-20/09-23, 2023

“The Climate Crisis & Empowering”
Westover Presbyterian Church

Friday—Saturday, September 22-23, 2023

Steen Hall Closed

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost—September 24, 2023

75th Anniversary “Welcome Home” Celebration

***No Sunday School on this Sunday only.**

10am—Coffee

11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack

Noon—Catered Reception—Steen Hall

All are welcome!

• PRAYER NOTES

Recent: Jack McCollum, Diana McCray, Grady Nixon,

Continued Prayers: Patt Bond, Pat Clark, Donna Ellis, Bill Jones, Ginny Jones, Jesse Macon-Teague, Ann McCollum, Judy Peters, Luke Peters, Wendell Phillips, LaVonne Smith,

Prayers For Friends Of The Church: Riley Carter, Dana Chadwick, Lynn Chadwick, Charles Clark, Darnell Clark, Jeff Connor, Ralph Doty, Susan Gibbes; Constance Hughes, Margret Hutson, Travis Kasper, Terri McMaster, Barbara Monroe, Tom Murry, Stephanie Phillips, Liam Pierce, Elizabeth Pollard, Denny Webster, Jennifer Willen,

Prayers For Those In Home Confinement: John Atterbury, Ann Cother, Bunn Falls (Johnson County Health & Rehab), Clarksville, Steve Pollard (AR State VA Home), David Rennie, Ann Woods.

Prayers For Those In Grief: For those who are still mourning the loss of a loved one.

*Please contact the church office if you need someone placed on or taken off the prayer notes. Thank you.