

*Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 11, 2023*

*Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

*"God's Story Is Our Story"
Pastor Carl McCormack*

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Welcome & Announcements Deb Mathis

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude Jo Murry

*Call to Worship Deb Mathis

Come, let us worship Almighty God.

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

Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

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

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

Breathe your power into us, breath of God. Alleluia.

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, whose eye is even on the sparrow: we ask that you bring your love to us today. We need the strength of your Spirit. We live in the

hope of your call. We depend on you; there is no other who gives us such hope for life. Be with us, care for us, comfort us, and confront us with your grace. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray.

*Opening Song of Praise "O Worship The King, All Glorious Above" #41

Call to Confession Deb Mathis

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, whose care never ceases: we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We allow the mountains we encounter in life to overwhelm us. Our faith is small. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for unobtained goals, we need your forgiveness and ask for your understanding. For recovery of strength and enthusiasm, we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, generous hearts, and contented souls, we pray to be followers of Christ Jesus. In your mercy, restore us and lead us. (time for silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe and proclaim the wonderful news of the Gospel:

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

*Gloria Patri #581

*Sharing the *"Peace of Christ"*

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

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Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

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For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe

in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “**Follow me.**” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “**Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.**”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “**Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.**” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “**Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.**” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“God’s Story Is Our Story”

Pastor Carl

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all creation, and whose will is ever directed toward our good. We believe in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the Divine Presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith unites us as the church; manifests itself in deeds of kindness; and calls us to give of ourselves and serve others as set forth in the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We believe in one God; Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song of Affirmation “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” #716

Prayers Of The People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Stewardship Moment *(an invitation to discipleship)*

Offering/Offertory	Jo Murry
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***Doxology** #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song of Dedication “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” #418

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting in Worship:

Carl McCormack, Pastor

Deb Mathis, as Liturgist

Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, as Greeter

Bobbi and John Lierly, as Usher

Jo Murry, as Pianist

SESSION MEMBERS

*Share with Session Elders your questions, concerns, and ideas;
your thoughts are valuable to our leadership.*

Next Meeting is June 18, at 1pm, after church family luncheon

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 11, 2023**

9:45am—Fellowship Class
11am—Worship Service
Pastor Carl McCormack
12pm—Graduation Reception—cookies and punch

Monday, June 12, 2023

10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group—Conference Room
6:30pm—Arkansas Scottish Dance Society—Steen Hall.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

4:30pm—Bell Choir

Thursday, June 15, 2023

9am Arkansas Food Bank Team

Friday, June 16, 2023

7pm Arkansas Country Dance Society—Steen Hall

Saturday, June 17, 2023

1pm—Peter Alexander Book Signing

**Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 18, 2023**

9:45am—Fellowship Class
11am—Worship Service
Pastor Carl McCormack
1:30pm—Session Meeting—Parlor

*Father's Day

***Presbyterian Men Sunday*

PRAYER NOTES—

Recent: Ken Taylor, Phil Terrell

Continued Prayers: Patt Bond, Margie Burton, Pat Clark, Donna Ellis, Bill Jones, Ginny Jones, Jesse Macon-Teague, Ann McCollum, Jack McCollum, Sandy Philbrick, Wendell Phillips, LaVonne Smith

Prayers For Friends Of The Church: Charles Clark & Darnell Clark, Judy Faulkner, Terry Hopkins, Constance Hughes, Stephanie Phillips, Courtney Phaup, Elizabeth Pollard, Norma Smith,

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

Prayers For Those In Grief: For those who are still mourning the loss of love ones.

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