



**13TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

AUGUST 27, 2023

**"WHO DO YOU SAY
HE IS?"**

**PASTOR CARL
MCCORMACK**

**PSALM 121
ROMANS 12:1-8
MATTHEW 16:13-20**

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Welcome & Announcements

Deb Mathis

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude

Jo Murry

*Call to Worship

Deb Mathis

We gather hoping to see God.

Here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another. We can see God when we show one another honor, when we pursue hospitality to strangers, when we live in harmony with one another, when we rejoice in hope.

Let us worship the visible God among us.

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Deb Mathis

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Opening Song of Praise

#32 *"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"*

Call to Confession

Deb Mathis

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Deb Mathis

God of love, you ask us to genuinely love one another, you tell us to bless one another, and you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good we have sought to get even. Forgive us for being hard-headed and short-sighted. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. Hear us as we silently seek your forgiveness for the sins of our daily lives. . .

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

#581

*Sharing the *Peace of Christ*

Prayer for Illumination (In Unison)

Deb Mathis

God our Creator, you spoke all of creation into being. We ask that you keep speaking to us now. Speak to us as we read Scripture, that we might hear your voice ringing clear and concise through the many voices around us. Speak to us, that we might hear and understand. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 121

Deb Mathis

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Deb Mathis

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Carl McCormack

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon “Who Do You Say He Is?” Rev. Carl McCormack

*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 #744 *“Arise, Your Light Is Comes”*

Prayers of the People & 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

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Song of Dedication

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude Jo Murry

Assisting in Worship:
Carl McCormack, Pastor
Deb Mathis, as Liturgist
Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, as Greeter
Liz & Phil Terrell, as Ushers
Jo Murry, as Pianist

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost—August 27, 2023

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

Monday, August 28, 2023

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

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

10am Book Club

Friday, September 1, 2023

7pm Arkansas Country Dance Society—Steen Hall

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost—September 3, 2023

Communion Sunday

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

- PRAYER NOTES -

Recent: Audrey Barrick, Jack McCollum, Diana McCray, Betty Brown Powell, Becky Webster

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

Prayers For Friends Of The Church: Riley Carter, Dana Chadwick, Charles Clark, Darnell Clark, Ralph Doty, Susan Gibbes; Constance Hughes, Travis Kasper, Terri McMaster, Tom Murry, Stephanie Phillips, Elizabeth Pollard, 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.