



19th Sunday After Pentecost
October 8, 2023

Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Luke 4:14-21

“Body Parts
Everywhere!”
Rev. Carl
McCormack

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Welcome & Announcements Wendell Phillips

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude

*Call to Worship Wendell Phillips
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to the Lord,
for God is our rock and redeemer.

*Opening Prayer (Unison) Wendell Phillips
Good and gracious God, we come to be instructed in your way, to be encouraged in Christ, to be consoled by love, and to share in the joy of the Spirit. Do your work in us, God, as we gather to worship you.

Guide us in your will and lead us in your way. Open our hearts and minds that we may recognize your call. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Song of Praise #363 “Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

Call to Confession Wendell Phillips

Prayer of Confession
God of freedom, Jesus came to bring good news, to mend and to heal, to release and to redeem, and to proclaim your reign. We confess that we have ignored his message. We remain captives to sin, bruised and broken by our transgressions. We are convinced that the news is always bad, and that we are forever stuck where we are, as we are. Help us to hear the truth of the gospel. Inspire us with your liberating word. Let your Spirit cleanse us and change us so that we may receive all that you have declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. Hear us now as we confess 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

*Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination Wendell Phillips
Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 19 Wendell Phillips
The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.
the law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;¹
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Rev. Carl McCormack

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-21 Pastor Carl McCormack

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.**

**He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, **"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."**

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *"Body Parts Everywhere!"* *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; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Song of Affirmation #744 *"Arise, Your Light is Come!"*

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

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology #606
*Prayer of Dedication
*Closing Song of Dedication #767 *"Together We Serve"*
Charge & Benediction
Prelude

Postlude
Assisting in Worship:
Carl McCormack, Pastor
Wendell Phillips, as Liturgist
Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, as Greeter
Jo Murry, as Pianist

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost—October 8, 2023

9:45am—Pastor Carl—the Bible in 90 Days—Parlor

11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack

Monday, October 9, 2023

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

6:30pm—AR Scottish Dance Society

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

9:15—Presbyterian Women—Meeting at the church—carpool to Fern-cliff

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

10:30am—Caregivers Meeting—Conference Room

4:30—Handbell Choir

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost—October 15, 2023

9:45am—Pastor Carl—the Bible in 90 Days—Parlor

11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack

12:30pm—Session Meeting

PRAYER NOTES

Recent: Jack McCollum, Diana McCray, Grady Nixon,

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

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank you Lord, for your healing hands—in thanksgiving for healing for Betty Brown Powell.

Prayers For Friends Of The Church: Riley Carter, Dana Chadwick, Lynn Chadwick, Charles Clark, Darnell Clark, Jeff Connor, Susan Gibbes; Constance Hughes, Margret Hutson, Pam Johnson, Travis Kasper, Terri McMaster, Barbara Monroe, Tom Murry, Stephanie Phillips, Liam Pierce, 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.