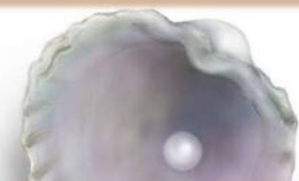


July 30, 2023
9th Sunday After
Pentecost

"Treasure Hunt"
Pastor Carl McCormack



Psalm 105:1-11
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 13:44-53



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Welcome & Announcements

Russ Mathis

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude

Dr. Matt Butler

*Call to Worship

Russ Mathis

We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

We offer all that we are, knowing that we need God's Spirit to be what we ought to be.

We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation.

In the Divine Presence there is light for our darkness and purpose in our striving. Praise be to God!

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Russ Mathis

God of our ancestors, you have been faithful to us. You always keep your promises to us, even when we have not kept our promises to you. As we praise you this day, guide us into new understandings of your love for us, and of the sort of people you call us to be. Amen.

*Opening Song of Praise

#12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Call to Confession

Russ Mathis

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O, God of love, God of power, we have heard your promises of abundant life, but are reluctant to believe them. We worship you with our lips, but turn our backs on people in need. We gather up the resources you have freely given us, and use them for our own purposes and pleasure. Forgive us for believing that we are the masters of our fate, and that we can ultimately save ourselves. Forgive our selfishness and bring us back to your path, we pray. Hear us now as we silently 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

*Sharing the *Peace of Christ*

Prayer for Illumination

Russ Mathis

In the reading of your Word, give us the light to see your will. May

your word rest in our hearts and minds and in so doing, transform us into your faithful people. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 105:1-11 Russ Mathis

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
He is mindful of his covenant forever,
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance.”

Second Scripture Reading Romans 9:1-5 Russ Mathis

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory,

the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:44-53 Pastor Carl

“The kingdom which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Treasures New and Old “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

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

Sermon “*Treasure Hunt*” Pastor Carl

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom

alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken-hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Song of Affirmation #175 “Seek Ye First”

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

*Closing Song of Dedication #835 “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Dr. Matt Butler

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 Russ Mathis, Liturgist
 Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, Greeter
 Deb & Howdy Frisby, Ushers
 Dr. Matt Butler, Organist/Pianist

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your thoughts are valuable to our leadership.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nineth Sunday After Pentecost—July 30, 2023

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

Monday, July 31, 2023

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

6:30pm—Arkansas Scottish Dance Society—Steen Hall

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

7pm—Woodworkers

Thursday, August 3, 2023

10:30am—"Taste & See Bible Study—Carol Clark
Parlor

Friday, August 4, 2023

7pm Arkansas Country Dance Society—Steen Hall

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost—August 6, 2023

The Lord's Supper

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack



- PRAYER NOTES -

Recent: Diana McCray

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

Prayers For Friends Of The Church: Charles Clark, Darnell Clark, Harry Clark, Ralph Doty, Constance Hughes, Travis Kasper, Terri McMaster, Shirley Norton, Stephanie Phillips, Elizabeth Pollard, Norma Smith, Abbey White

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 Ren-nie, 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.