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Welcome & Announcements Deb Mathis

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude Jo Murry

Call To Worship Deb Mathis

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.
God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.
God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

*Opening Prayer (In Unison) Deb Mathis
Loving God, you reveal your presence in our lives. Renew our hearts and minds through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may worship you in truth and spirit. We ask this in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Opening Song of Praise #610 *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Call To Confession Deb Mathis

Prayer of Confession
God of our ancestors, you have remained faithful to us from generation to generation. But we have broken our promises. We hear your plans for us and we laugh in disbelief. We test your patience and question your providence. We succumb to jealous rivalry and betray those we love. Forgive us, we pray. Recreate us as your people and restore us to your image. Continue to bless us, and let us be a blessing for others. Keep us in your mercy, and cover us with your grace. Hear us now as we silently confess the sins of our daily life...

Assurance of Pardon
Friends, believe and proclaim the good 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 Deb Mathis
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

Romans 3:21-26

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But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

Rev. McCormack

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her

mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Third Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:1-21

Rev. McCormack

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.” The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down

opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Sermon *“Children, Turmoil & Blessings”* Rev. McCormack

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection, we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

*Song of Affirmation #14 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

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 Jo Murry

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Song of Commitment #727 *“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

*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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 2023

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

Monday, June 26, 2023

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

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

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

10:30am—Caregivers Meeting—Parlor

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

No Bell Choir

5:30pm—PW Evening Bible Study

5:30pm—Anniversary Committee - All are invited

Friday, June 30, 2023

7pm Arkansas Country Dance Society—Steen Hall

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 2, 2023

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

4th of July Celebration after worship service

- PRAYER NOTES -

Recent: Rochelle Greenwood, Shirley Rose, Phil Terrell

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

Prayers For Friends Of The Church: Charles Clark, Darnell Clark, Judy Faulkner, Constance Hughes, Shirley Norton, Stephanie Phillips, 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 a loved one.

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