



PSALM 103:1-5, 22; ROMANS 12:9-21;  
MATTHEW 16:21-28

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 2023  
14TH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

“HE BEGAN TO  
SHOW THEM”  
PASTOR CARL  
MCCORMACK

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Welcome & Announcements Carleton Philbrick

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude Jo Murry

\*Call to Worship Carleton Philbrick

Beloved in Christ, let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

**Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.**

For in this way God’s glory will be made known and all people will praise God.

**Let us worship God.**

\*Opening Prayer (In Unison) Carleton Philbrick  
**O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May each one of us be an incarnation of your love within and beyond these church walls, wherever there is loneliness, injustice, or misunderstanding; through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit our Strength. Amen.**

\*Opening Song of Praise #269 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Call to Confession Carleton Philbrick

Prayer of Confession (In Unison) Carleton Philbrick  
**Creator God, it surprises us that you would use weak, ordinary people like us in your work. We fail to give our lives over to the transforming power of your Spirit, and we ignore your call to use our gifts to build up your church. Today, as we worship in the midst of the beauty of your creation, may we open ourselves to the new creation you seek to bring about within and among us, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

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) Carleton Philbrick  
**Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading Psalm 103:1-5, 22 Carleton Philbrick

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Second Scripture Reading Romans:12:9-21 Carleton Philbrick

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.<sup>e</sup> **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be

haughty, but associate with the lowly;<sup>f</sup> do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;<sup>g</sup> for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-28 Rev. Carl McCormack

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon                      *“He Began To Show Them”*                      Rev. Carl McCormack

## *“He Began To Show Them”*

Rev. Carl McCormack

\*Affirmation of Faith (*the Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*universal**

\*Song of Affirmation #718 "Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said"

## Prayers of the People

## Stewardship Moment

## Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology #606

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Invitation to the Table

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost—September 3, 2023**

#### **Communion Sunday**

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

### **Monday, September 4, 2023**

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

### **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

7pm—Woodworkers

### **Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

4:30pm—Bells Practice

### **Friday, September 8, 2023**

7pm Arkansas Country Dance Society—Steen Hall

### **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost—September 10, 2023**

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

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

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## • PRAYER NOTES

**Recent:** Audrey Barrick, Jack McCollum, Diana McCray, Betty Brown Powell, Becky & Denny 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, Lynn 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.

### **Whatever You Need**

#### **By Kelly Roper**

Whatever you need, Whatever we can do.

We want you to know That we're here for you.

If you just want to talk Or need a shoulder to cry on,

We want you to know that We're here for you to rely on.

However lonely you feel, You definitely are not alone.

We are only as far away As the nearest phone.

So don't hesitate to call, No matter what you need.

We'll rush to your side With all Heaven's speed.

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