



*12th Sunday After Pentecost  
August 20, 2023*

*"Dealing With Fatigue"  
Pastor Carl McCormack*

*Psalms 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Matthew 15:21-31*

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Welcome & Announcements

Deb Mathis

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude

Jo Murry

\*Call to Worship

Deb Mathis

Turn us, O God, away from the world's temptations and distractions.

**Return us, O God, to the quiet calm of your presence.**

Restore us, O God, to the path you call us to follow.

**Orient us, O God, to the hope that all is possible through you.**

Together, let us worship God.

\*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Deb Mathis

**Holy God, by your providence you have preserved your people through many times of trouble. Bless and keep us in these days, that we may know your abundant love and proclaim your saving work through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Opening Song of Praise #2

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Call to Confession

Deb Mathis

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Deb Mathis

**God of all creation, we live each day because of your grace, yet we fall short of your intentions. Forgive us for choosing only to love those who look like us, speak like us, share our political views, and our way of living. We make distinctions and look down on those who are from a lower level of income or education. We speak of our commitment to you but act in ways that completely deny you. Show us your grace and mercy that is beyond our understanding, for the sake of Jesus Christ. In your mercy, hear us 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

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\*Sharing the *Peace of Christ*

Prayer for Illumination (In Unison) Deb Mathis  
**Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading Psalm 133 Deb Mathis  
How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Second Scripture Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Deb Mathis  
Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-31 Rev. Carl McCormack  
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

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

Sermon “*Dealing with Fatigue*” Rev. Carl McCormack

## \*Affirmation 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 brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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      #39      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## 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 #757

*"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

## \*Charge & Benediction

## \*Postlude

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

### **Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost—August 20, 2023**

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

1pm—Session Meeting

### **Monday, August 21, 2023**

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

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

### **Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

10am Book Club

### **Friday, August 25, 2023**

7pm Arkansas Country Dance Society—Steen Hall

### **Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost—August 27, 2023**

9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

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## - PRAYER NOTES -

**Recent:** Jack McCollum, Diana McCray,

**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, Shirley Norton, Stephanie Phillips, Elizabeth Pollard, Norma Smith, 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.