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- Welcome & Announcements

Russ Mathis
- Welcome from the Pastor
- Prelude

Jo Murry
- *Call to Worship

Russ Mathis

This day, Holy God, teach us how to love ourselves
Without selfishness, conceit, or disregard for our neighbors.
This day, Holy God, teach us what it means to stand up confidently for our faith
Without demeaning others in the process.
This day, Holy God, teach us how to forgive
With humility and love. This day and every day, Holy God, teach us your way.
- *Opening Prayer

Russ Mathis

- *Opening Song of Joyful Praise

“To God Be The Glory”

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Call to Confession

Russ Mathis

Prayer of Confession

God of glory and might, we admit that though we sing praises to your name when we worship, there are times when our actions do not bring praise to you. We confess there are times we treat others with harshness or anger or insensitivity. There are times we judge others or gossip idly, bringing hurt instead of love. Other times we refuse to act in compassion because it would mean going out of our way. Forgive us, God. Help us to praise you not only with our voices but also with our living, so that the risen Christ may be glorified.
(Silent prayers of personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(From Isaiah 49:15)

Pastor Carl

Receive and profess this wonderful news, and live in peace.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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*Sharing the “Peace of Christ”

Reading of the Psalm

Psalm 97

Russ Mathis

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
All worshipers of images are put to shame,

those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.
For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading Acts 16:16-34 Pastor Carl

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and

was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Gospel Reading John 17:20-26 Pastor Carl

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

Sermon “*True Freedom*” Pastor Carl McCormack

*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 brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere

Song of Affirmation “Though I May Speak” #693

*Doxology #609

*Song of Dedication	<i>"We Are All One In Mission"</i>	#733
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Jo Murry, as Musician

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 21—9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

12pm—Church Family Luncheon—Steen Hall (All are welcome!)

1pm—Session Meeting—Parlor

Monday, May 22—10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group

6:30pm—Arkansas Scottish Dance Society

Tuesday, May 23—10am—Book Club/Charlotte's Eats & Sweets

6pm—50 Plus Group

Wednesday, May 24—4:30pm—No Bell Choir

Friday, May 26—Faithful, Fun, Foodies

7pm—Arkansas Country Dance Society—Steen Hall

PENTECOST SUNDAY—WEAR RED!

Sunday, May 28—9:45am—Fellowship Class

11am—Worship Service

Pastor Carl McCormack

1:30pm—Christian Education Meeting

PRAYER NOTES—

Recent: Rochelle Greenwood (Covid), Ginny Jones,

Continued prayers for: Patt Bond, Pat Clark, Donna Ellis, Bill Jones, Jesse Macon-Teague, Ann McCollum, Jack McCollum, Sandy Philbrick, Wendell Phillips, LaVonne Smith,

Prayers for friends of the church: Charles Clark & Darnell Clark, Constance Hughes, Stephanie Phillips, Elizabeth Pollard, Paula Shackelford (Friend of Sandy Philbrick), 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 (UAMS), David Rennie, Ann Woods.

Continued prayers for those in grief: For the family of Kathy Sudduth Adams (From Karene).

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For LeMoyne Jones who is getting some relief from his back pain.

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