



Order of Worship  
Sunday, May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements Carleton Philbrick

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude Jo Murry

Call to Worship Carleton Philbrick

Bless God, all people; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Even though tested by fire and led through the water, **yet has God brought us out to a spacious place.**

This morning let us praise God together!

\*Opening Prayer Carleton Philbrick

\*Opening Song of Praise #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Call to Confession Carleton Philbrick

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ.**

*(Silent prayers of personal confession)*

Assurance of Pardon Carleton Philbrick

Friends, believe and proclaim, with all your heart, 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"

Special Music "Jesus Loves Me" Bell Choir

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

## Profession 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 church**

# Thanksgiving Over the Water

## The Baptism

# The Welcome

## Prayer For Illumination

Carleton Philbrick

First Scripture Reading Psalm 66:8-20

Carleton Philbrick

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.  
For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;  
you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.<sup>a</sup>  
I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

I will pay you my vows,  
those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah*  
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.  
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my  
steadfast love from me.

## Second Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22 Carleton Philbrick

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in

which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Pastor Carl

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

Sermon

“Do You Mind”

Rev. Carl McCormack

Song of Affirmation

#816

“If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee”

Prayers of the People

**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

#609

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Song of Dedication

#450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship:  
Pastor Carl McCormick  
Carleton Philbrick, as Liturgist  
Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, as Greeter  
Barbara Biedenharn, Rochelle Greenwood, as Ushers  
Jo Murry, as Musician

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, May 14—9:45am—Fellowship Class**

**11am—Worship Service**

**Pastor Carl McCormack**

**Monday, May 15—10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group**

**6:30pm—ASDS**

**Wednesday, May 17—10:30am—Caregivers Meeting**

**4:30pm—Bell Choir**

**Saturday, May 20—1:30pm –Presbyterian Women**

**“A Posh Affair” - High Tea Birthday Party**

**Celebrating Presbyterian Women**

**Hats are encouraged!**

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

**11am—Worship Service**

**Pastor Carl McCormack**

**12pm—Church Family Luncheon**

**1pm—Session Meeting**

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## PRAYER NOTES—

**Recent:** Donna Ellis, Sandy Philbrick, Diane Taylor,

**Continued prayers for:** Patt Bond, Pat Clark, Bill Jones, Jesse Macon-Teague, Ann & Jack McCollum, Wendell Phillips, LaVonne Smith,

**Continued prayers for friends of the church:** Charles Clark & Darnell Clark, Constance Hughes, 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 (UAMS), David Rennie, Ann Woods.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:** We are thankful for the recovery of Margret Nixon, and the good news concerning Judy Peters tests, as well as the continued recovery of Shirley Garlington.

**Continued prayers for those in grief:** For the family of Willette Lollar.

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