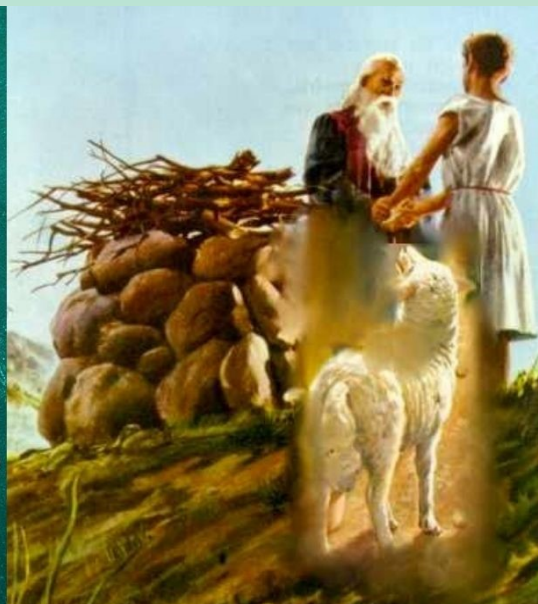


*6th Sunday after
Pentecost
July 9, 2023*

*"God Will Provide"
Pastor Carl McCormack*

*Psalm 13
Matthew 11:16-19, 28-30
Genesis 22:1-14*



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Welcome & Announcements

Liturgist

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude

Jo Murry

*Call to Worship (Psalm 13)

Liturgist

We cry to God, "How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I have sorrow in my heart all day long?"

Even in sorrow and pain, we trust in God's steadfast love.

We sing to God, who has dealt graciously with us.

Let us worship God together.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Liturgist

O God, you are truly worthy to be praised, for you are gracious, compassionate, and merciful. Send your Holy Spirit among us, that we may hear your voice and praise your name this day and forevermore. Amen.

*Opening Song of Praise

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"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, your Word is faithful and true. You keep your promises. We, on the other hand, fail to keep in mind the wonderful news you have declared to us, and instead focus our attention on the negative. We dwell on the disappointments we have faced, and on the hardships we have endured. We allow those dark times to eclipse the light of your gospel. In Your mercy, forgive our lack of faith. Enable us to set aside our doubts, so that we may recognize your presence with us, and take hold of the eternal life you offer us. In the name of our Risen Lord we pray. Amen.

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 (unison)

Liturgist

Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear, and in hearing, we may be transformed. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 13

Liturgist

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 28-30

Pastor Carl

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise to you O Christ.

*Third Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Pastor Carl

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham

Sermon “*God Will Provide*” Pastor Carl

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers Of The People & The Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Moment

Postlude

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost **July 9, 2023**

9:45am—Fellowship Class
11am—Worship Service
Pastor Carl McCormack

Monday, July 10, 2023

10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group—Conference Room
6:30pm—Arkansas Scottish Dance Society—Steen Hall

Thursday, July 13, 2023

10:30am—”Taste & See Bible Study—Carol Clark
Parlor

Friday, July 14, 2023

7pm Arkansas Country Dance Society—Steen Hall

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost **July 16, 2023**

9:45am—Fellowship Class
11am—Worship Service
Pastor Carl McCormack
1pm—Session Meeting



- PRAYER NOTES -

Recent: Bobbi Lierly, Diana McCray, 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, Travis Kasper, 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.