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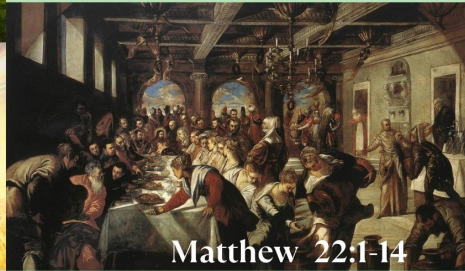


Philippians 4:1-9

20th Sunday After Pentecost October 15, 2023

"Accept What Is Offered, or Not"

Rev. Carl McCormack



Matthew 22:1-14

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Welcome & Announcements

Wendell Phillips

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude

Jo Murry

*Call to Worship

Wendell Phillips

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can declare all of God's praise?

Happy are those who observe justice and do righteousness at all times.

Together let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Wendell Phillips

Holy God, we do not come to worship merely out of habit or because it is the religiously honorable thing to do. We come because of your loving invitation offered to us through Christ. In our worship we respond to your call, and avail ourselves of your grace. In our worship, help us to be serious without being falsely solemn, and sincere without being self-righteous. Empower us to respond to your gracious invitation and share in your joy though Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Opening Song of Praise

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"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

Call To Confession

Wendell Phillips

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess to you that we have not been your servant people. We have not been as loving, caring, or willing to share as we should. We have been weak in the cause of justice, slow to opportunities for kindness, quick to anger and the use of hurting words. We have turned away from our neighbors in need, and have not followed your ways. Forgive us. Accept the burden of our sinful lives, heal our pain, and in your great mercy set us free. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray... (Silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Carl McCormack

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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*Passing the *"Peace of Christ"*

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Wendell Phillips

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Wendell Phillips

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-9 Rev. Carl McCormack

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!
I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14 Rev. Carl McCormack
Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: **“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.**

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Sermon *“Accept What Is Offered, Or Not”* Rev. Carl McCormack

*Affirmation of Faith (See 1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:9 (16:1–9); Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28)
This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Song of Affirmation #803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Prayers of the People & The 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

*Closing Song of Dedication #837 “What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine”

Charge & Benediction

Prelude

Postlude
Assisting in Worship:
Carl McCormack, Pastor
Wendell Phillips, as Liturgist
Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, as Greeter
Jo Murry, as Pianist

**Session Meeting
October 15th, 2023**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost—October 15, 2023

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

11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack

Chili Luncheon after worship—Host are the Men's Club

Session Meeting after Luncheon

Monday, October 16, 2023

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

11:30am—Worship Committee Meeting

6:30pm—AR Scottish Dance Society

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

10am—Morning Bible Study

1pm Afternoon Bible Study

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

4:30—Handbell Choir

5:30pm—Evening Bible Study

Thursday, October 19, 2020

9am—AR Food Bank Team

Friday, October 20, 2023

7pm AR Country Dance Society

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost—October 22, 2023

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

11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack

1:30pm—Christian Education Meeting

PRAYER NOTES—

Recent: Rochelle Greenwood, Ann McCollum, Elizabeth Pollard, LaVonne Smith

Continued Prayers: Patt Bond, Pat Clark, Donna Ellis, Bill Jones, Ginny Jones, Jesse Macom-Teague, Jack McCollum, Diana McCray, Grady Nixon, Luke Peters, Wendell Phillips,

Prayers For Friends Of The Church: Judy Barfield, Air Force SMSGT Scott Burris (Phil & Liz Terrell's son), while he is deployed to Kuwait for 6 months, Riley Carter, Dana Chadwick, Lynn Chadwick, Charles Clark, Darnell Clark, Jeff Connor, Susan Gibbes; Constance Hughes, Margret Hutson, Pam Johnson, Travis Kasper, Terri McMaster, Barbara Monroe, Tom Murry, Stephanie Phillips, Liam Pierce, 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.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we receive from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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