

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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July 2, 2006

10:00 a.m.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Enter Reverently, Meditate Quietly, Worship Devoutly,
Leave Gratefully, Serve Christ Faithfully*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Mark's Song

Foster

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Why have we gathered on this holy day?
What has drawn us to this time and place?

**People: God calls us to this time of worship.
The place where we are standing is holy ground.**

Leader: Give thanks to God: sing praises.
Give attention to the voice of God.

**People: Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses.
In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.**

Leader: We will listen for God's message to us.
Surely God's strength will supply our needs.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: We tremble to think that the Source of all life, the Creator of all worlds, is in this place, knowing everything about us, calling us by name. O God, we call upon you and welcome your Word. We worship you, O God, knowing that you expect much of us. Amen.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

#462

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: So often we are complainers, not seekers. We proclaim our innocence and justify our anger when so much of life does not go the way we had hoped. We blame God for conditions entrusted to our stewardship. We become stumbling blocks, instead of facilitators of God's design. Let us seek reconciliation with God. Let us confess our sins in God's presence.

All: O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening for your direction and heeding your call. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung):

#359

**More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the pray I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!**

**Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is ever willing to grant us forgiveness but we cannot receive it if we are unwilling to be changed by it. As long as we focus on preserving our own lives, protecting our advantages, we will be lost. As we confess Jesus Christ as Savior, God is just and forgives our sins. Therein lies our assurance. Believe the good news of the Gospel;

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (kids' pink page)

#579

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace!

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

#341

In the same way he took the cup, saying: *This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

HYMNS	<i>God Is Here!</i>	#461
	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	#507

Prayer after Communion

Since, dear God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	#339
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION	<i>Ashokan Farewell</i>	Ungar
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* Congregation stands
** Latecomers ushered in

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME – The Pastor, Elders and Deacons of Witherspoon welcome most warmly all worshipers. Our fellowship is enriched by your presence. If you do not have a church home of your own, we do sincerely invite you to be a part of our fellowship. Please contact the church office for further information if you are interested in church membership (609) 924-1666.



SUNDAY SCHOOL is on break for the summer. But Sunday school will resume on the second Sunday of September (September 10) with classes for all ages. Please plan to join us!

NURSERY CARE is provided for children 0-5 during worship (10:00). Today Kaylin Blount is assisting with nursery care; next Sunday's nursery care will be assisted by Tracy Joseph.

FLOWERS - If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or simply to beautify the church, please sign up on the chart located on the door of the sound

room (left-hand entrance from the sanctuary to the parish house). After worship service, the donor may take the flowers home. At present, it is the responsibility of the person giving the flowers to make his/her own arrangements for preparation and delivery of the flowers for the Chancel. The next available date is July 9.

USHERS for this morning's service are Rebecca Campbell and Victor Richards. Next week's ushers are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: Martin Anim-Danso and Andrew Ojeda, with Rachel Maddox, manager.

COMMUNION SERVERS for this morning are Walter Daniels, Cecelia Hodges, Florence Sharpless and Leonard Steinline.



COFFEE HOUR - Host for the month of July is Curtis Johnson. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Curtis (732-422-1343).

LECTIONARY TEXT for next Sunday, July 9, is 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.

DOLLARS & CENTS **COUNTERS FOR JULY** are Bernadine Hines (Team Leader), Cecelia Hodges and Mildred Trotman. Counters for the Deacon's Benevolence Offering are Shirley Satterfield, Joyce Abbott and Michelle Peal.

NEW VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES **THE USHER BOARD** needs four additional ushers. Anyone who is willing to usher three to four times a year or would like more information should contact Joan Tomlin (609-637-9646 or jotomlin@msn.com).



FOOD DONATIONS FOR CRISIS MINISTRY – The Deacons are collecting cereals, canned meat, fish, poultry and beans for the Crisis Ministry. *****NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE.***** Other nourishing food will also be accepted. Checks made payable to the Crisis Ministry are always welcome and may be placed in the offering plate or given to a deacon. Please consider an extra purchase during your next grocery shopping trip and place items in the wooden box in the Narthex.



REGISTER NOW FOR VBS! – VBS for children is planned for **July 17-21**, 6:00-8:30 p.m.! Registration forms are available in this bulletin and in the Narthex. **Please submit your REGISTRATION as soon as possible** so we will know how many kids will be participating.