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July 29, 2007

10:00 a.m.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Preaching Series: The Ten Commandments

You shall not commit adultery.

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Rivers of Babylon
(Psalm 137)

Jaime Escarpeta
Soloist

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CALL TO WORSHIP: BASED ON PSALM 85

- Leader: We remember all your gracious acts of past days, O God; the times we deserved your anger, you graced our lives with forgiveness.
- People: Once again, your anger towards us is justified – turn it away so that we can rejoice once more in your salvation and steadfast love.**
- Leader: Hear this – God will speak peace to all faithful people.
- People: All those whose hearts are turned towards God will experience salvation and the glory of God will dwell in our land.**
- Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground and righteousness will fill the skies.**
- Leader: God gives all good things and the land and our lives will reflect this goodness.
- People: Let us worship God whose way of righteousness is made visible through our acts of justice and peace.**
- All: Let us worship the living, loving God!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: Loving and caring God, in you we find all that we need. In you we are fed. In you we are heard. In you we are truly alive. Let your Spirit flow over and through us as we worship you. Draw us closer to you – we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

#454

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus, Savior and Lord, we confess that it is not always easy to pray – even the prayer you taught us has its difficulties. You invite us to address God in intimate family terms and then immediately to pray that God's name will be holy and that God's kingdom will be experienced here on earth. Sadly it seems that all too often we hear God's name being used in unholy ways, and again, all too often we fail to speak up to condemn such language.

People: Forgive our failure to speak up and be counted as your followers, Lord, in more than name only.

Leader: We pray that God's kingdom will come, yet we confess that for so many people, the kingdom values of justice and righteousness, mercy, love and peace are not known and not expected because of our failure to make these values visible in and through our lives.

People: Forgive us when our apathy and inaction have contributed to the continued suffering of people in need.

Leader: When we move from contemplating God's holiness to recognizing our needs, how often do we acknowledge that being fed, nourished and forgiven by God calls forth a like response from us towards others?

People: Forgive us for being quite content to receive these gifts, but hesitant to give and forgive.

Leader: We confess that none of us wants to be brought to a time of trial – when our faith may be tried and tested – fearing that we may fall away from faithful discipleship.

People: Forgive our weaknesses and strengthen us with your Spirit.

Leader: Help us to pray your prayer with the heightened expectation that you can and do use us to fulfill your purposes here and wherever you call us to be and to act in your name.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung):

#362

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise,
I'll hasten to God's throne.**

**I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair
While I have breath to pray.**

Words by Isaac Watts. Music: African-American spiritual. CCLI# 498673

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive by forgiving all our trespasses – erasing the record that stood against us...by nailing it to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). The good news, therefore, is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: 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 *Seek Ye First* #333

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 2:18-25 Page 2
John 8:2-11 Pages 100-101

SPECIAL MUSIC *Peace, Be Still* J. Paul Stephens
Soloist

SERMON *Adultery: How NOT to Love Your Neighbor* Rev. Muriel Burrows

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (kids' orange page)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
and put your trust in the Lord.*

OFFERTORY *He's Been Good* Thomas Espenshade
Soloist

*DOXOLOGY (kids' red page) #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Gracious God, we have prayed "your kingdom come and your will be done on earth...." We offer these gifts and our lives as signs of our

commitment towards the living out of this prayer. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to move forward in faith and with enthusiasm as followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#387

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Something on the Inside

* 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 or witherspoon@verizon.net).



SUNDAY SCHOOL is on break for the summer. But Sunday school will resume on the second Sunday of September (September 9) with classes for all ages. Please plan to join us!

FLOWERS – Flowers for today’s service were given by *Thomas and Pamela Espenshade in memory of Ed Scavella and James Carson and in honor of the Men’s Chorus*. 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 August 12.

USHERS for this morning’s service are Pamela Espenshade and Beverly Owens. Next week’s ushers are Joyce Abbott and Robert Ellis.

ATTENDANCE at the service of July 22 was 73.



COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following this morning’s worship service. Host for the month of August is Joyce Abbott. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Joyce (609-448-4511).



FOOD DONATIONS FOR CRISIS MINISTRY – The Deacons are collecting nourishing food for the Crisis Ministry. *****NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE.***** 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.

LECTIONARY TEXT for next Sunday, August 5, is Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY – The Witherspoon community expresses its deepest sympathy to Deborah Raikes Colbert and her family. Her father, William K. Raikes, Sr., passed away July 17 from congestive heart failure. He was a loving father, an endearing father-in-law, proud grandfather and all around good person. He will be missed. (Funeral services were private.) Please keep this family in your prayers.



WSPC HANDBELL CHOIR is preparing for a special concert on **Sunday, October 21**, to dedicate our handbells. Sacred and secular music will be performed. We are seeking new and old members who would like to join/rejoin the Handbell Choir for this special event. As always, you do not have to know how to read music to become part of this ministry. If you are curious about ringing and would like to learn a new skill, please join us this summer on July 29 and August 26 after Sunday worship service. There is also a children's chime choir for students in grades 4-12. Please contact Leslie Young (cmusique@comcast.net or 609-895-0509) for more information about joining the WSPC Handbell or Chime Choir ministries.



HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION – Our Habitat house (located by 647 N. Clinton Avenue, Trenton) will be dedicated **this Saturday, August 4**, at 9:30 a.m. All members of the Witherspoon community are welcome as we complete this service project which is part of our *250th Anniversary Celebration*. A luncheon reception will follow the dedication. If you plan to be part of this celebration, RSVP to Meg Coghlan (meg_coghlan@yahoo.com or 609-651-2945).



CHURCH CALENDAR – A copy of the WSPC calendar for August is inserted in this bulletin. Please review it and contact the Church Office with any additions or corrections **by this Wednesday, August 1**. The updated calendar will be posted in the rear hallway.

DOLLAR\$&CENTS COUNTERS FOR AUGUST are Brenda Lee (Team Leader), Jaime Escarpeta and Elsie McKee. Counters for the Deacon's Benevolence Offering are Shirley Satterfield and Vicki Meisel.



FALL SPOONER DEADLINE – The deadline for the fall edition of *The Spooner* newsletter is **Sunday, August 12**. Committee chairs and leaders of various church groups, as well as other individuals with news of special interest, are encouraged to submit articles to share with our readers.

This Week at Witherspoon

Today	Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)	Following Worship
Thursday	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship – Rev. Burrows to Preach Communion	10:00 a.m.



Home Office Hours for Phyllis Rich, Secretary (609-581-1952)
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9:30-12:30



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

(as of April 30, 2007)

Total collection for property acquisition* \$176,043
 Total expenses* 123,477
Balance **\$ 52,566**

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