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August 5, 2007

10:00 a.m.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Preaching Series: The Ten Commandments

You shall not steal.

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – the maker of heaven and earth.

People: We gather to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Make an offering in God's holy temple that is acceptable to him.

People: We come to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Leader: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all of your mind, and all of your strength and all of your soul.

People: We are here because our desire is to know and to serve God, in the way God desires, freely and completely, both now and forevermore.

All: Let us worship the living, loving God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: Creator God, Father and Mother of us all, Hope of the hopeful and Savior of all those who call on you: in our singing be the note of joy; in our praying be the heartfelt word; in our searching be the will to endure; in our need be the fount of life-giving water. Bless us as we lift up your name, we ask it through Christ Jesus your only begotten Son, he who is our Lord and our brother. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#466

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, you have graced our lives with the life of Jesus and we rejoice that we are forever linked with him through baptism. This enables us to “set our minds” on Jesus as Lord and Savior, and to experience a newness of life which transcends all else. We are empowered to put to death all those things which oppose this new life in Christ. We confess, however, that there are still times when we “set our minds” on unworthy and ultimately destructive pursuits – pursuits in which the need to acquire and possess threaten the selfless quality of life in Christ. When our attitude towards others is hostile and aggressive:

People: We strip off the compassion that life in Christ possesses.

Leader: When relationships are soured by bitterness and jealousy:

People: We strip off the joy that life in Christ reveals.

Leader: When we put others down through our prejudice and discrimination:

People: We strip off the love that life in Christ imparts.

Leader: When selfishness and greed contribute to our lifestyle:

People: We strip off the generosity that life in Christ delights in.

Leader: Merciful God, re-clothe us with the life of Christ, and renew us in his image and knowledge, so that the grace, humility and service which marked his life will be clearly visible in and experienced through our lives. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung):

#281

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.**

Words by William Williams. Music by John Hughes. CCLI# 498673

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see everything has become new! All this is from God, to whom we have been reconciled through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-18a) and so – rejoice – for in Christ we are forgiven, we are healed, we are renewed.

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 *O for a World* #386

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20:15 Page 66
Acts 5:1-11 Page 122

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON *How Much Is Enough?* Rev. Muriel Burrows

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

*(Please note that the Ushers will take the weekly tithes and offerings –
followed immediately by the Deacons who will take
the monthly offering for their particular ministry.
Please hold your Deacons' offering and put it into the second plate.)*

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (kids' red page) #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: O God, you bless and enrich our lives in so many ways – especially in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit. We pray that this offering and our lives will reveal our commitment to enrich the lives of others in Jesus' name and for his sake instead of storing up treasures for ourselves. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

This is the joyful feast of the Lord. People come from east and west, from north and south, and eat at the table of the Lord (based on Luke 13:29).

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: We praise you, Holy God, for hearing your people's cries of pain; rescuing them from slavery, you fed their hunger and quenched their thirst, and graciously led them to freedom.

When they turned away from you, you did not hold this against them, but instead gathered them close; leading them with cords of kindness and bands of love. Tenderly, you held them close and fed them once more, treating them with warm and tender compassion. You are truly the Holy One in our midst revealing in Jesus that your love has no limits.

And so, with all the company of heaven and earth, we rejoice before you and praise your holy name saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of tenderness and compassion,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who holds us close.

Hosanna in the highest.

At this table we bear witness to the love which has been poured into our hearts and lives. We remember when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and sat down at a table to share the meal with them. At that meal – he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, *This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.* In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, *This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.* For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. We remember and we give thanks for such out-pouring of love.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ – his life in us. Renewed by his life and recreated in your image, we set our minds on fulfilling your purpose for us and this world of which we are a part. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

HYMNS	<i>Sheaves of Summer</i>	#518
	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	#507

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, fed and renewed by your life in us – we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of

your Spirit to spread the message of your love and compassion to all whom we meet. Amen.

*HYMN

Lord, Make Us More Holy

#536

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

* Congregation stands
** Latecomers ushered in

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME - The Pastor, Elders and Deacons of Witherspoon welcome most warmly all worshippers. 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 - 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 Joyce Abbott and Robert Ellis. Next week's ushers are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: William Edmonds and Joshua McGriff with Brian Yuan, manager.

COMMUNION SERVERS for this morning are Alyce Bush, Lydie Dews, Patricia Fernández-Kelly and Curtis Johnson.



COFFEE HOUR – There is no Coffee Hour today. However, the host for the month of August is Joyce Abbott. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Coffee Hour should contact Joyce (609-448-4511).

ATTENDANCE at the service of July 29 was 79.

LECTIONARY TEXT for next Sunday, August 12, is Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

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



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.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY – The Witherspoon community expresses its deepest sympathy to *Agnes Benjamin, Deloris Brooks* and their family. Their mother and grandmother, Marie Benn., passed away last week. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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FALL SPOONER DEADLINE – The deadline for the fall edition of *The Spooner* newsletter is **next 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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO KARA AND ANDY ROOT! Maisy Lydia was born on June 13; she was 19 inches long and weighed 5 lbs., 11 oz. Everyone, including Owen, is doing well.



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

(as of April 30, 2007)

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

*2004-2007

This Week at Witherspoon

Thursday	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship – Rev. Burrows to Preach	10:00 a.m.
	Finance Committee (112 Witherspoon)	Following Worship
	Usher Board (Meeting Room)	Following Worship
	<i>The Spooner</i> Deadline	



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