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August 12, 2007

10:00 a.m.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Preaching Series: The Ten Commandments

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

How Great Thou Art

Traditional

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WELCOME AND 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: Let us worship the bountiful Creator of all that is.

People: **We come in faith to the One who calls us to journey together.**

Leader: Come with hope and expectation, honoring the past, being grounded in the present, and looking forward to the future.

People: **We come with thanksgiving and praise, knowing that God is good and can be trusted with all our days.**

All: *Let us worship the living, loving God!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: Almighty and everlasting God, truly you can be trusted with all our days. You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Your love is so much greater than ours. Pour upon us, we pray, the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this blessing that we may be a blessing. Come and make us in heart, thought, and in action more like unto him. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#482

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious gift-giving God, you call us to live out our faith in ways which honor you and bless our neighbors, and we recognize that worship is an essential part of our faith journey. We believe that what we do here in worship does shape our daily witness to Jesus whose disciples we profess to be. We know that our faith is most visible when we live by your kingdom values of love, justice and peace – yet it is increasingly hard to resist becoming absorbed with the values of the world – values dominated by money, profit and production. We hear Jesus’ words about the danger of treasuring our earthly goods more than the treasures of your kingdom, and we confess our failure to meet his challenge to live more simply and trustfully. Forgive us for being too easily motivated by profit rather than the prophetic word of scripture;

People: And hearing money and power speaking louder than the gospel.

Leader: Forgive us when we receive your generous gifts, O God, with pleasure;

People: While failing to invest these gifts in the service of others.

Leader: Forgive us when we are persuaded that more possessions mean more happiness;

People: And that a person who does or produces more is more valued by you than the one who does not, or cannot.

Leader: Forgive us when we lack the courage to trade in our possessions for lives of simplicity and trust;

People: And when our material “treasures” alienate us from each other, and from you, O God.

Leader: We pray that our hearts will be shaped and reshaped by the unfailing treasures of your kingdom, O God, and that our accountability as disciples of Christ will be evident in our worship, our witness and our service. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Congregational Response (Sung):

#280

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

Words by John Newton. Music: *Virginia Harmony*, arr. Edwin O. Excell. CCLI# 498673

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1, NRSV) so celebrate the assurance that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15, NRSV). And so, I declare to you: 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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION Ghana Report Joan Tomlin

*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* #339

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20:16 Page 66
James 3:1-10 Page 230
Diamond Holland

SPECIAL MUSIC *Are You a Loser?* Medema

SERMON *Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire* 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

*DOXOLOGY (kids' red page) #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Gracious God, you have promised never to forsake us or leave us. Accept these offerings, and our life and ministry as a living sacrifice to you. Grant us strength to keep our promises as we dedicate ourselves to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #398

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* 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 - 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 19.

USHERS for this morning's service are members of the Junior Usher Ministry: Rachel Maddox and Joshua McGriff with Jawhar Kimbrough, manager. Next week's ushers are Pauline Brown and Joan Tomlin.

ATTENDANCE at the service of August 5 was 65.



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 19, is Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.



WITH GRATITUDE – The Benjamin family wishes to thank you for all of your prayers, kind words, deeds and thoughts during the bereavement of their mother and grandmother (Marie Moses Benn). May God

continue to bless each and every one of you.



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



PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

(as of April 30, 2007)

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

*2004-2007

This Week at Witherspoon

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



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