

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church

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August 30, 2020

10:00 a.m.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

GATHERING SONG

What the World Needs Now Is Love

**Lord, we don't need another mountain
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross
Enough to last till the end of time**

**Lord, we don't need another meadow
There are cornfields and wheat fields enough to grow
There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough to shine
Oh listen, Lord, if you want to know**

Chorus

**What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No not just for some but for everyone**

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Matthew 16:21-27

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it,

Lord! This must never happen to you.”²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

SERMON

*We Are Going to Love
the Hell Out of You*

Rev. Lukata Mjumbe

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.

OFFERTORY / STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

OFFERTORY SELECTION

I Need You to Survive

**I need you, you need me.
We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me, agree with me.
We're all a part of God's body.
It is his will, that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.**

**I pray for you, You pray for me.
I love you; I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you; I need you to survive.
It is his will, that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

I Love You with the Love of the Lord

**I love you with the love of the Lord
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord
I can see in you the glory of my King
And I love you with the love of the Lord.**

POSTLUDE

We Are One in the Spirit

**We are one in the Spirit; We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit; We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored**

**We will walk with each other; We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other; We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land**

**We will work with each other; We will work side by side
We will work with each other; We will work side by side
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one**

Refrain

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love**

BENEDICTION

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 if you are interested in church membership or if you want to be added to the church e-mail distribution list (witherspoon@verizon.net or 609-924-1666).



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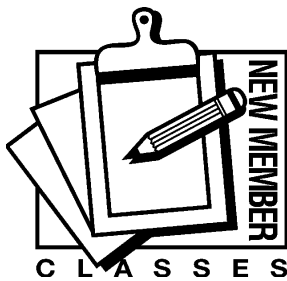
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MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will immediately follow the service on **Sunday, September 13.**

Everyone is urged to attend (via Zoom). ***Please note*** that committee chairs and group leaders are asked to submit their reports to the church office **by Sunday, September 6**, to allow adequate time to prepare mid-year reports for distribution. Your

assistance is appreciated.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, AT 12:00 NOON

Interested in becoming a member of Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church? Want to learn more about our church or explore your faith? Join us for a *New Member Virtual Class* on **Saturday, September 12**, at 12:00 noon. Please

RSVP by **Friday, September 11**, to Phyllis Rich (witherspoon@verizon.net or leave a message at 609-924-1666).



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Even though we are unable to gather together in person, we give thanks for the lives of the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church family and friends. Please reach out to our beloved and wish them a Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary!!

Birthdays in August

Charles Bush
Pamela Espenshade
Missy Gillespie
Edwina Hawes
Jordan Johnson
Myles Johnson
Spencer Johnson

Jole Ngwa
Audiway Peal
Shirley Satterfield
Valerie J. Smith

Anniversaries in August

Eugene and Elaine Walker Marsh
Jeffrey and Rowena Mascoll

This Week at Witherspoon

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| Monday | Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom) | 7:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday | Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom) | 7:00 a.m. |
| | Verse Speaking Choir (via Zoom) | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Deacon Board | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom) | 7:00 a.m. |
| | Mid-Week Bible Study (via Zoom) | 12:30 p.m. |
| | Worship Sub-Committee (via Zoom) | 5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom) | 7:00 a.m. |
| Friday | Daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom) | 7:00 a.m. |
| Saturday | Adult Bible Study (via Zoom) | 10:00 a.m. |
| Next Sunday | Worship – Rev. Lukata Mjumbe to Preach | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Communion | |
| | Deacon Board | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Junior Usher Ministry | 11:30 a.m. |



Prayer List



If you would like to be added or removed from the Prayer List,
please let your Deacon or the church secretary (609-924-1666) know.

- Sundiata Acoli (freedom and health)
- Family of Doris Aikens
- Imam Jamil Al-Amin (legal hearing, May 2020)
- AOP immigrant families
- Families of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor
- Rev. Darrell Armstrong and Shiloh Baptist Church
- Mary Frances Banks (aunt of S. & B. Campbell)
- Family of Agnes Benjamin
- Isa Blyden and family
- Deloris Brooks
- Pauline Brown
- Rev. Muriel Burrows
- Barbara and Gordon Byard
- Ben Colbert and the Colbert family following the transition of his brother, Gene Colbert
- Coronavirus victims (45+ inmates and guards who died from COVID-19 in NJ prison system)
- Lois Craig
- Walter Daniels
- Harold M. Delhagen (passing of his father)
- First Baptist Church of Princeton
- Jamal Frasier (M. Gittens' cousin)
- Ava Gabrielle-Wise (friend of Rev. Mjumbe mourning loss of daughter, Jennica, from COVID-19)
- Kevin Gift (in-laws, Richard and Kathryn Steitz; friends, Keller, Mike, Robin) impacted by COVID-19
- Tondelayo Gillespie and Kurt Koiner (boyfriend hospitalized for COVID-19)
- Family of Min. La'Vetta Ross-Hall (loss of brother, James D. Bishop, Sr.)
- Bruce Harrison and family
- Debbie Harrison
- Sandra Hill (J. Tomlin's sister)
- Cecelia Hodges
- Rev. Debra Ivory-Chandler (M. Jackson's mother)
- Monika Jackson and family
- Oni Jackson
- Seth Jennings
- Simon Jackson (J. Tomlin's brother-in-law)
- Mumia Abu Jamal (freedom and health)
- Cheryl Jones
- Taneisha Nash Laird
- Denyse Leslie and family
- James and Audrey Mack
- Winston and Sheila Maddox and family
- Elaine Walker Marsh's mother
- Condolence to family of Carson Mascoll
- Rev. David McAlpin
- Rev. Wayne Meisel
- Michele Minter and family
- Aya Mjumbe
- Mjumbe family
- Jedeka Zai Mjumbe (brother of Rev. Mjumbe)
- Mariamu Eyay Mjumbe (recovery from surgery)
- Eugenia Moore
- Condolence to family of Joseph Moore
- William Moore
- Sharon Mootoo (R. Sosa's sister)
- Jamil Muntaqim (freedom and health)
- Anne Nosnitsky (recovering in rehab facility)
- Talitha-Koumi Oluwafemi (and her daughter)
- Family of Charles Osei-Fosu
- Family and Friends of Beverly Owens
- Sheila Pannell (B. Brown's niece)
- Nancy Pelosi
- Family of John Pogroszewski (Lawrence Middle School classmate of Leah Schmelter)
- Mildred Poncé
- Alejandro Portes (P. Fernández-Kelly husband)
- Princeton Seminary Association of Black Seminarians and Allies
- Mary Ann Raikes (D. Raikes-Colbert's mother)
- Tim Reagan and family
- Phyllis Rich
- Abdul Haqq Salaam (incarcerated friend of Rev. McAlpin)
- Valerie Smith
- Imam Sohaib Sultan, Princeton University, diagnosed with aggressive bile duct cancer
- Family of Carl Theobald (J. Tomlin's brother-in-law)
- Mildred Trotman
- Donald Trump
- Joyce Watson (mother-in-law of Lynette Campbell)
- Norma Wilson
- Leslie Wingard
- WSPC Young People in College
- Leslie Young and Family (mother, Betty Henderson, transitioned in St. Louis)
- Women of Edna Mahan Correctional Facility: Lillian Allen, Maureen Andre, Gloria Arroyo, Ashley Bailey, Latonia Bellamy, Tanya Black, Debra Boucher, Anne Castagna, Jennie Cullum, Myrna Diaz, Ella Eng, Sarena Espinal, Robin Grimes, Johnette Hawthorne, Taheira Hickmond, Lori Hummel, Michelle Hurley, Carlina, Inginae, Monique Kendall, Kim Kuchler, Briann Lindsey, Tina Linney, Ashley McLaughlin, Maria Montalvo, Cynthia Myers, Janvier, Myriam, Renee Nicesy, Plesie Nichols, Markita Norris, Jasmine Pearson, Rithea Randall, Tammie Shipp, Beth Smallwood, Antonette Stephen, Deborah, Tanksley, Germama Terrero, Jenny, Tran, Arisha Vaughn, Yvonne Walker, Regina Wallace, Natasha White