



MANHATTAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 16, 2020

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

- 9.30a – Youth Church – YouTube Live Stream
Led by Jason Isbell
- 10.15a – Face2Face Fellowship – Zoom
- 10.30a – Worship – Zoom & YouTube
Sermon – *Abiding in the God of Love*
Scripture – *1 John 4:12-21*
Led by Dr. Thomas Robinson

PRAYER

- † Coronavirus and its impact worldwide, the many sorrows and disruptions wrought
- † New school year as students, teachers, and administrators plan for reopening
- † Myriam Edwards son Kurt is undergoing treatment for severe headaches
- † Phyllis Horsley, her health, dental work, and pending eye surgery
- † Cancer treatment: Qin Wang; Ping Ku; friends of the Masons, Steve, Tim, and Cathy; and friends of Spencer Wan, Cheok, and Leung (age 3)

BIBLE STUDIES

- Sunday 4.00p – *Parables on the Path* – Zoom
Led by Walter Edwards and Kyle Swann
- Wednesday 6.30p – *Reading Acts: Chapter 21* – Zoom
Led by Dr. Thomas Robinson

MINISTRY & MEETINGS

- All meetings held on Zoom unless otherwise noted – Connect through our website
- Monday 7.30p – Book Discussion – *How God Became King*, by NT Wright
Led by Tom Robinson
 - Tuesday 7.15p – Small Group Fellowship – Midtown (alternating weeks)
Led by Emily & Stephen Cahnmann
 - Wednesday 8.00a – Book Discussion – *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, by James H Cone
Led by Matt Henegar
 - Thursday 6.30p – MCOG Health Group
Led by Spencer Wan
 - Thursday 8.00p – Faith Race & Justice
Led by Kyle Swann
 - Friday 6.30p – Small Group Fellowship – New Jersey
Hosted by Simon Smart
 - Friday 7.00p – Small Group Fellowship – Harlem (alternating weeks)
Led by Julie Short
 - Saturday 9.00a – Women’s Prayer Hour
Led by Denise Cherenfant
 - Saturday 10.00a – Community of Hope – Volunteer to serve “Grab & Go” lunches at MCOG
Led by Carl Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Celebration of Baptism: We rejoice with the Henegar family over the baptism of Della Jean Henegar on July 25 in California. Della, age 12, has grown up in the faith in our congregation.
- Wedding Bells: Sonja and Tom Robinson’s son Thomas married Alison Mirylees on July 31 in Connecticut. Tom Robinson officiated the ceremony with participants around the globe joining in virtually via Zoom..
- Wedding Bells: Bethany Schneider’s father Jay, a widower, married Alice Randazzo on August 1. The ceremony was held in her hometown church in New Jersey and also live streamed on YouTube.

CALENDAR

- Aug 23 Sermon – *Jesus and God’s Gift of Life*
Scripture – *1 John 5:1-13*
- Retreat 2020 Virtual plans pending, NYC only

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Aug 16 Larry Mudd
- Aug 16 Alexandria Sukhdeo
- Aug 18 Brandon Baker
- Aug 18 Mattie Stokes
- Aug 21 Shatho Joy Robinson
- Aug 23 Walter Edwards
- Aug 23 Eric Perryman

SPANISH MINISTRY

- Led by Angel Reyes – Spanish Minister & Elder
- Monday 7.00p – Small Group Fellowship
Led by Miguel Cañizares
- Saturday 3.00p – Women’s Prayer Group
Led by Elsa Cañizares

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Abiding in the God of Love?

Thomas Robinson, *Life with a God of Love 8*, August 16, 2020

1 John 4:12-21 Translation TR

¹² No one has ever beheld God; but if we're practicing love toward each other, God is abiding in us, and, in fact, God's love has come to its completed purpose in us. ¹³ This is how we're coming to know that we're abiding in him and he himself in us, because he's given to us from his own Spirit.

¹⁴ And we've beheld it all and we're giving our testimony that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the cosmos. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is that Son of God, God is abiding in them and they themselves in God. ¹⁶ So we've come to know and trust the love that God has in us.

God is love, and one who's abiding in that love is abiding in God, and God is abiding in them. ¹⁷ This is how that love has come to its completed purpose with us – so that we can have bold confidence in the day of judgment, because just as Jesus is, we also are in this cosmos.

¹⁸ Fear doesn't exist in this love; rather the completed love throws that fear outside. That's because the fear carries punishment, and the one who lives in fear hasn't been brought to complete maturity in that love.

¹⁹ We love because he himself first loved us.

²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and acts with hatred toward their brother or sister, they're simply liars; for a person who doesn't practice love toward their brother or sister whom they've seen, isn't able to love God whom they've never seen.

²¹ And we hold on to this command received from him: that the one who loves God should also practice love toward their brother or sister.

1 John 3:16-18

¹⁶ And this is how we've come to understand what that love is – Jesus, for our sakes, offered his own self! Just so, we have an obligation, for the sake of the brothers and sisters, to offer our selves. ¹⁷ Whoever has the possessions of life that are part of this cosmos and sees their brother or sister in need and closes off their compassion against them – tell me, how is the love of God abiding in that person?

¹⁸ Little children, let's not love with platitudes rolling off the tongue, but let's love in action and in reality.

John 15:1-11

¹ "I myself am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² Every branch in me that's not bearing fruit, he takes it away, and every one that's bearing fruit he cleans it, in order that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already, you're clean because of the message that I've spoken to you.

⁴ Abide in me, and I myself in you. Just as the branch can't bear fruit from itself, if it doesn't abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me.

⁵ "I myself am the vine; you're the branches. The one who's abiding in me and I in them, they're bearing abundant fruit, because apart from me you aren't able to create anything. ⁶ If anyone doesn't abide in me, like that branch, they're cast outside and become dried up. And they gather them and throw them into the fire and they're burned.

⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it will happen for you. ⁸ This is how my Father is glorified, that you bear abundant fruit, and become my disciples.

⁹ Just as the Father loved me, I also loved you. Abide in that love of mine. ¹⁰ If you hold tight to my commands, you'll abide in my love, just as I myself have held on to my Father's commands and I'm abiding in his love. ¹¹ I've told you these things in order that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be filled up."