



MNHATTAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 23, 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 – *Jesus and God's Gift of Life*
Scripture – *1 John 5:1-13*
Led by Dr. Thomas Robinson

BIBLE STUDIES

- Sunday 4.00p – *Parables on the Path* – Zoom
Led by Walter Edwards and Kyle Swann
- Wednesday 6.30p – *Reading Acts: Chapter 19* – 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

PRAYER

- † Yiping "Ping" Ku, former member, is hospitalized in Taiwan and gravely ill
- † Spencer Wan's mother Chun, age 98, is hospitalized with diminished kidney function
- † Amy Henegar's nephew Kellan, age 2, has had a fever for over two weeks.
- † New school year as students, teachers, and administrators are resuming classes
- † Coronavirus and its impact worldwide, the many sorrows and disruptions wrought
- † Cancer treatment: Qin Wang; friends of the Masons, Steve, Tim, and Cathy; and friends of Spencer Wan, Cheok, Leung, and Mathias (age 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farewell: Today is the last Sunday the Businelle family, Jill, Thomas, Titus, and Reuben, worships with us as New Yorkers; they are moving to Denver, CO this week. Jill and Thomas have upheld many roles in the Shiloh ministry over the last 20 years, and Jill will continue to work for Shiloh remotely while pursuing a Master's degree at U of CO. In their words: *We are so grateful for this church family! We will still be connected with you, but in a new time zone!*

CALENDAR

- Aug 30 Message from Jason Isbell
- Sep 11 Divorce Care – online series begins
- Retreat 2020 Virtual plans pending, NYC only

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Aug 23 Walter Edwards
- Aug 23 Eric Perryman
- Aug 26 Sam Isbell
- Aug 26 David Zhang
- Aug 28 Justina Rodriguez
- Aug 28 Kelsey Sumrall
- Aug 29 Martha Lanzillotti
- Aug 29 Kira Petersons
- Aug 30 Joshua Tarifa

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

**We Seek To Worship And Glorify God
To Proclaim The Message Of Jesus Christ
To Study And Follow The Bible
To Create A Loving, Diverse Community
To Serve People In Need**

Jesus and God's Gift of Life

Thomas Robinson, *Life with a God of Love 9*, August 23, 2020

1 John 5:1-13 Translation TR

¹ Everyone who trusts that Jesus is the Anointed King has been born to life from God. And everyone who loves the God who gave that life loves the person who was given life from God. ² This is how we come to know that we love the children of God, when we're practicing love toward God and we're actively doing his commands.

³ For this is what it means to love God, that we hold tight to his commands – and his commands aren't burdensome at all. ⁴ That's because everything that's been born to life from God is victorious over this cosmos. And this is the victory that's already been victorious over this cosmos – our faith.

⁵ But who's the one who's victorious over the cosmos? Precisely the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God!

⁶ He's the one who came through water and blood – Jesus the Anointed King! Not in the water alone, but in the water and in the blood. And the Spirit is the one who's bearing witness, because that Spirit is the truth about reality.

⁷ This means that those who are bearing witness are three: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood, and the three witnesses unite into one.

⁹ If we're receiving testimony from people, the testimony given by God is greater; because this is God's testimony: he's borne witness about his own Son.

¹⁰ One who trusts in the Son of God holds that testimony in themselves. One who doesn't believe God has treated God as a liar by not trusting in the testimony that God's given concerning his Son.

¹¹ And this is that testimony: God gave us life that belongs to the age to come, and this life is in his Son. ¹² The person who has the Son possesses that life. Whoever doesn't have the Son of God doesn't have that life.

¹³ I'm writing these things to you so that you may know that you possess life of the age to come – you who trust in the identity of the Son of God.

1 John 2:1-11

¹ ... If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus, an Anointed King who's completely just. ² And he himself is atonement for our sins, but not for ours alone but also for the whole cosmos.

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Don't devote your love either to this cosmic structure or to the things that are only inside this cosmos. If anyone focuses their love just on this cosmos there is no room left in them for love for the Father-Creator.

¹⁶ That's because everything that's totally inside this cosmic structure – our desire that reaches no higher than physical stuff, our desire that stays on the surface of things, and our arrogance that treats our life accumulations as all that matters – these don't find their source in the Father-Creator. They're only part of this cosmic structure.

¹⁷ And this cosmos that shapes what we desire right now is temporary and passing, but anyone who directs their actions toward the purpose of the God who created it all, abides in life into the future that God is creating.

1 John 3:1

¹ Just consider the kind of love the Father has given us, that we are called children of God. And we are!

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?

1 John 3:23-24

²³ And this is his command: that we believe in the identity of his Son Jesus as Anointed King, and that we love one another, just as he gave command to us.

²⁴ And anyone who's holding on to his commands is abiding in him and he himself is abiding in them. And this is how we come to know that he's abiding in us – from the Spirit whom he gave to us.

1 John 4:2

² That's how you're coming to know the Spirit of God: Every Spirit that affirms that Jesus as Anointed King has come in physical flesh has God as source....

John 1:32-34

³² And John (the Baptist) bore witness: "I beheld the Spirit descending like a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. ³³ And I myself did not recognize him, but he who sent me to plunge people in water told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is the one who plunges people in Holy Spirit.'

³⁴ And I've beheld and I've borne witness that this is the Son of God!"

John 3:5-7, 16-17 Jesus to Nicodemus

⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I'm telling you, unless one is born to life from water and Spirit, they're not able to enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ Whatever is born to life from the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born to life from the Spirit is Spirit.

⁷ Don't be amazed that I said to you, 'You all must be born to life from above.'

¹⁶ For God loved the cosmos so much that he gave the one and only Son, in order that the person who believes in him may not perish but have life that belongs to the age to come. For God didn't send the Son into the cosmos in order to judge the cosmos, but in order that the cosmos may be saved through him.

John 19:33-35

³³ But when the soldiers came to Jesus, since they saw that he had already died, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ The one who's seen this has borne witness and his testimony is true, and he knows that he's telling something true, in order also that you may believe.

John 20:31

³¹ These things have been written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Anointed King, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his very identity.