



# MANHATTAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 6, 2020

## WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

- 9.30a – Youth Church – YouTube Live Stream  
Led by Jason Isbell
- 10.30a – Worship – Zoom & YouTube  
Sermon – *Learning to Live as Children of God*  
Scripture – *1 John 5:11-21*  
Led by Dr. Thomas Robinson
- 10.15a-1p – Zoom room open – fellowship & prayer

## MINISTRY & MEETINGS

Zoom meetings unless otherwise noted – Connect on our website

- Tuesday 7.15p – Small Group Fellowship – Midtown  
Led by Emily & Stephen Cahnmann
- Wednesday 8.00a – Book Discussion – *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*  
Led by Matt Henegar
- Wednesday 6.30p – Bible Study – *Reading Acts: Chapter 24*  
Led by Dr. Thomas Robinson
- 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

- † Alva Burton is in the process of gaining guardianship of her twin brother Alvin
- † Spencer Wan’s mother Chun, age 98, is in a rehab facility; pray for her health & faith
- † Ping Ku as she recovers from surgery and resumes cancer treatment
- † Qin Wang, her health as she continues intensive treatment for cancer
- † New school year as students, teachers, and administrators are resuming classes
- † Coronavirus and its impact worldwide, the many sorrows and disruptions wrought

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Book Discussion – Beginning Sept 14 at 7:30 p.m., Tom Robinson leads a new series, *The Day the Revolution Began*, by NT Wright

RETREAT 2020 IS VIRTUAL! Though we are not traveling to a retreat center, we will gather online for worship, fellowship, Bible study, creativity, and fun. Save the dates, the weekend of October 2-4

## CALENDAR

- Sep 11 Divorce Care – online series begins
- Sep 13 Message from Dr. Amy Bost Henegar
- Oct 2-4 Congregational Retreat (*Announcements*)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Sep 6 Reuben Businelle
- Sep 6 Isabella Vizcaino
- Sep 7 Mario Vizcaino
- Sep 10 Richard Danley
- Sep 11 Benjamin Allen
- Sep 11 Lanae Hollingsworth
- Sep 12 Christian Winter
- Sep 13 David Everett

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# ***Learning to Live as Children of God***

Thomas Robinson, *Life with a God of Love 10*, September 6, 2020

## **1 John 5:11-21 Translation TR**

<sup>11</sup> And this is God's testimony, that it's Life of the age to come that God gave to us. And this Life is in his Son! <sup>12</sup> The person who has the Son possesses this Life. Whoever doesn't have the Son of God doesn't have that Life.

<sup>13</sup> I've written these things to you so that you may be clearly aware that you possess Life of the age to come – you who trust in the identity (name) of the Son of God.

<sup>14</sup> And this is the confident boldness that we have in his realm, that if we're requesting something according to his will, he's listening to us. <sup>15</sup> And if we're aware that he's listening to us – with regard to whatever we ask – then we're aware that we possess the requests that we've requested from him.

<sup>16</sup> If someone sees their brother or sister committing a fundamental wrong not in the realm of death, they'll make a request and give them Life – that's for those doing a wrong that's not within the realm of death.

There is fundamental wrong that's within the realm of death. It's not concerning that that I'm saying they inquire. <sup>17</sup> Every injustice is a fundamental wrong, yet there's wrong that's not in the realm of death.

<sup>18</sup> We're aware that everyone who's been born to life from God is not living in fundamental wrong, but Jesus, the one who was born from God, keeps hold of them, and the evil one doesn't touch them. <sup>19</sup> We're aware that it's from God that we exist, yet the cosmos as a whole is lying outstretched in that evil one. <sup>20</sup> But we're aware that the Son of God has come and has given us a mind so that we may come to know the God who is truly real. And we exist in that one who is true, in his Son, Jesus Anointed King. He is the true God and Life of the age to come.

<sup>21</sup> Little children, guard yourselves from the idols.

## 1 John 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup> I'm writing to you about the Word (*logos*) who is Life! That Life goes back to the very beginning. It's what we ourselves have heard, what we've seen with our own eyes, what we've watched, what we've handled with our own hands!

<sup>2</sup> That Life became a fully visible reality, and we've seen it. We're giving our testimony and announcing it to you. This is the Life of God's coming age, a Life that was always with the Father and that He made a public reality for us to experience.

<sup>3</sup> It's this Life, that we've seen and heard for ourselves, that we're now announcing also to you so that you may participate in it along with us. But this participation we share is something more. It's us sharing together with the Father, and with his Son Jesus as Anointed King (*Christos*). <sup>4</sup> And we're writing all of this to you so that our joy together may be filled to the brim.

## 1 John 2:1-11

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

## 1 John 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

## 1 John 3:8

<sup>8</sup> Those who practice what's fundamentally wrong (sin) show a way of life that's from the one who slanders humanity, because since the start the slandering deceiver is always putting what's wrong into practice. That's the reason the Son of God was made clearly manifest among us, in order that he may undo the destructive works of that deceiver.

## 1 John 3:13-14, 16, 18-19, 21-22

<sup>13</sup> Don't be astonished, brothers and sisters, that this cosmos can't stand you. <sup>14</sup> We become aware that we've passed out of death into life through the experience of loving the brothers and sisters. One who's not actively loving is abiding in that death. ...

<sup>16</sup> And this is how we've come to know 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. ...

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let's not love with platitudes rolling off the tongue, but let's love in action and in reality. <sup>19</sup> And this is how we'll know that we're from that true reality: even in his presence we'll persuade the conscience of our heart, ...

<sup>21</sup> Beloved friends, if our heart isn't condemning us, then we possess a bold confidence in God's realm; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we're holding on to his commands, and we're putting into action the things that are pleasing in his presence.

## John 3: 16-17

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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 17:13-19

<sup>13</sup> ... I'm saying these things within the cosmos, in order that my disciples may have my own joy filled to the brim in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I've given them your message, and this cosmic structure despised them because they're not from the cosmos as their source, just as I don't exist from the cosmos as source. <sup>15</sup> I'm not asking that you take them from the cosmos, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> Their real existence doesn't come from the cosmos, just as my own existence isn't from the cosmos. <sup>17</sup> Consecrate them as your own in that true reality; your own message is true reality. <sup>18</sup> Just as you sent me into the cosmos, I also sent them into the cosmos. <sup>19</sup> And it's on their behalf I'm consecrating myself, so that they themselves also may be consecrated in true reality.