

Round Hill Presbyterian Church

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UNSTOPPABLE

September 27, 2020

Verse for Meditation:

– Acts 5:38-39

“If this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail;
but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them.”

WELCOME

* INVOCATION

Pr. Matt Stith

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PRAISE: *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

* RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 113

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

People: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Leader: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

People: who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Leader: He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

People: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Leader: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

People: Praise the LORD!

* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
 let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he
 will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways
 my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my
 ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until
 they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower
 and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall
 not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in
 the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills
 before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up
 the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that
 shall not be cut off.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

²⁵ Now after Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to
 Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes
 down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there
 was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of
 her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in
 his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this
 chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked,
 "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides
 me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that
 he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
 so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about
 himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture,
 he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they

came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

SERMON

"Unstoppable"

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* Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 34

By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the head, are thus united one to another in the church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. He gives efficacy to the word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By him the church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.

* APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

* HYMN:

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

* Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

D G A D Bm

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness

E A D G A D

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

Bm G A7 D G D

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G D/F# A/E

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

Em7 D Bm E A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

D G A G Bm D/F# D

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Bm D/G Em7 A7 D A *to Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.



September 27, 2020

Intercessory Prayer Group - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

Prayer Requests: Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests for the following were received this past week; please include them in your prayers:**

Alpha, Craig, Lynne Kuehner, Karen S., Chuck Zaugg

On-Going Requests: Alimjan, Neal Beveridge, Kim Bleichner, Barb Cant, Elfriede Christ, Michelle & Carly Craig, Flocker family, Lori Fritz, Tyler Gilpin, Larry Kalcevic, Mary Kass, Shawn King, Yvonne Leggett, Berl Lewis, Weston McConnell, Leah Meyer, Nan Neff, Mark Neuherz, Mary Riggleman, Tom Russell, Ed & Madelyn Ryan, Trystyn Skrinjorich, Trish Ten, Helen Wagner, Linda Way, Rita Werner, Sally Wilhelm, Crystal Williams & family, Sue Yacura, our Home Church, Round Hill Leaders, our Pastor & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at Round Hill, New Life Options, Young Life, President Trump & Governing Leaders

Military: Aaron Baumann, Ben Christenson, Philip Damer, Jeremy Ferrence, Blake Flocker, Matthew Hobaugh, Geoff Horvath, Jason Lere, Kevin Manley, CC Dixon-McGrew, Madison McGrew, Michael Pasini, Noah Reed, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, and all those serving in the Armed Services

College Students: Kate Baron, Brandon Casturo, Kaylee Fritz, Ashley Russell, Jenna Sproul, Joram Stith

Prayers for POA Churches: Mansfield 1st EPC
(Rev. Finnegan, transitional)

Prayers for EPC Missionaries: Greg & Sally Livingstone (U.S./Global)

Always pray and never give up. – Luke 18:1



ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

BIBLE STUDY

A Virtual Bible Study for adults meets on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. The study is "Reason for God" with Dr. Tim Keller. It explores how to engage others in dialogue on six common objections to Christianity. For more information and how to join the study go to the Bible Study page on the church's website, roundhillchurch.org.

ALPHA

Alpha will be starting again in the virtual world at the end of October. A virtual meeting for all interested in helping will take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. after the Hymn Sing. Please let Bonnie Craig know that you would like an invitation to the meeting: e-mail dreamstogo2@gmail.com or text 412-400-9284.

HYMN SING

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. Follow the links on the church's website.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP PROCEDURES

Ready to venture out yet? Please call the church office on Tuesday if you do not have access to internet streaming for a reservation. Call on Wednesday or Thursday if you can use the streaming service but wish to attend in person. Please wear a mask and arrive in the parking lot no later than 10:15 a.m.; an usher will show you to your seat. We're still not hugging or shaking hands but we're waving and smiling at each other from behind our masks! For further information, please see the church's website. Also, people can bring their lawn chairs for outdoor, socially distanced fellowship after the service, weather permitting!!

AUGUST 2020			
Fund	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Fund Balance Available for Use
General Funds	\$13,585.02	\$22,239.82	\$4,290.17
Dedicated Funds	\$5,770.00	\$0.00	\$29,660.47

Request to Nominating Committee

I would like the Nominating Committee to consider the following people to fulfill the offices of Elder or Deacon.

Please give an explanation as to why you have given these names to the committee.

Please pray for the Spirit to guide you in our selection of the following:

ELDER:

DEACON:

Please email Jackie Karnes with your requests
jacquelyn.karnes@gmail.com or call the church office 412-384-5889.
Thank you for your prayerful input.