# Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

846 High & Eden Sts Pottstown, PA 19464

**Eden St. Home Church** 

Tuesday Evenings

7:00 to 9:30

## Worship:

# **Tabernacle Worship Service**

Every Sunday Evening
St. John's Parish House
75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

#### **Home Churches:**

Hanover St. Home Church Monday Evenings 256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465 7:00 to 9:00

Consumer Center Church Thursday Evenings 249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464 7:00 to 8:00

## **Prayer Requests:**

**Please pray for Nancy and Melvin's family.** Melvin passed away on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in Reading Hospital. He was able to see his children last week, and Nancy and his daughters were with him when he passed on. Melvin is our good friend and we will miss him so until our reunion at the resurrection. God blessed us with Melvin, and his passing was without suffering. His memorial will be Tuesday at Houck's Funeral Home on Charlotte St. Times will be announced.

Our friend Buzz has been diagnosed with cancer. Fox Chase, called to tell Buzz that they were reconsidering his case The Doctor's people called, and told Buzz that they would schedule him for the exploratory procedure on Thursday, June 7. This is only the beginning of the help that he needs, but thank God that he will be in the hands of a reputable head and neck cancer specialist.

#### Robin has a new home!!

She also has some needs for her new place. Please see her or Pastor Kork find out what house wares she still needs to help her setup her home.

**Pray for Kurt Miller as he travels to Buenos Aires** May 29 through June 12 with Dave Guiles. Ask our Lord to give him "Jesus' eyes" as he visit our brothers and sisters in Argentina.

**Please continue to pray** while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. Our collaborative effort with St. John's is called **The Ministries at MAIN Street**. As we move into this new phase of building the shelter, becoming a resource to the area, we begin a ton of summer work in order to reopen this fall. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

#### **Prayers Collections from the Worship Table**

- ✓ Lord, help us in our weakness to continue your work in our community. ~SW
- ✓ Our friend Jeff Reifsnyder has been dealing with more and more complications from ESLD (end-stage liver disease). Recently his doctors have told him that he is "starting on a downward spiral and moving closer to transplant." He has been dealing with bouts and jaundice and other things lately, and his doctors have taken driving privileges from him due to encephalopathy which causes a delayed response. Please keep them in prayer!

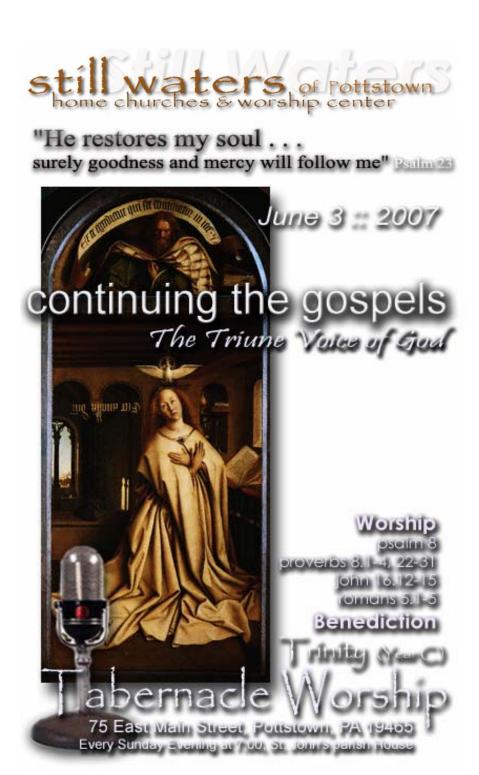
June 10, 2007: Proper 5 (Year C)

psalm 8, proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31, john 16.12-15, & romans 5.1-5

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[Journaling Worship]
your discussion notes...



# **Meditation:**

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,...

(Psalm 8.3—5)

## Reflection:

"We worship an inclusive God - a God who says, 'There are not aliens in my house.' We worship a God who is trinity, unity and diversity: A God who calls us to model our lives on the lives of the Trinity."

- Archbishop Njonkulu Ndungane (Desmond Tutu's successor)

[Service]

# Today...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

romans 5.1-5

Worship Film::

" psalm 8 "

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

A Latter-Day Psalm ::

~ by John Kearney

**Scripture Reading::** 

proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

"worship?"

The Triune Voice of God psalm 8, proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31, john 16.12-15, & romans 5.1-5

Reflection Film ::

"Jesus, at the back of the line"

**Benediction::** 

revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21



1 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

# [Think & Pray...]

Consider: Trinitarian worship should be a reflection of family. God has gone to pains to model these relationships within the Godhead (as difficult as it might be to comprehend), each differing honor to the other rather than themselves. The Father finds glory in the Son, the Son differs to honoring the Father and is filled with the "Sophia/Wisdom" – the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit speaking only what He hears from the Father and the Son. Seems that they are competing to be the "least" or the last within their own family circle of sorts—the tri-unity of the Logos.

We are talking about receiving the Holy Spirit (or desiring, submitting to, and differing to God in cooperation with His will) being in step with the Spirit who has been given to us.

This is a radical way to live, this crucifying of our way to live in concert with God, and His mission of new earth and kingdom living. It shakes our lives to the core as we find those things that are truly important to Jesus, and align our life to completely reflect His desires.

We are on firm ground as we endeavor to mimic Jesus in our contexts today, as expressed thorough the gospels—placing us in allegiance to Him only.

As disciples, we are the best citizens of any earthly country where we find ourselves—being true servants—but our loyalties place us in another world, with other convictions... Higher convictions!

We should consider all of this as the 2008 elections draw near.

How does Jesus feel about life, war, the poor, and the alien? Questions and problems we haven't seemed to be able to answer in earthly economies...

We might be tempted to think that Christian "political issues" are relegated to a couple of hot button topics, but if we will take the time to seek God will—what His will has always been—we will see a consistent theme of justice, equality and acceptance of marginalized in very profound ways.

God has made up His mind about these things. Perhaps we should rediscover His intentions through us as His reflections in the earth today—His Church.

# [The Scripture] romans 5.1~5

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.