

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

**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**

**Tuesday Evenings**

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

**King St Commons Home Church**

**Thursday Afternoons**

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

**William's Home Church**

**Monday Afternoons**

61 N. Evans St. Pottstown, PA 19464

11:00 pm to 12:30 pm

**Announcements:**

The mobile MAIN Street Shelter is hosted this month by our friends at Zion's United Church of Christ. Remember to pray for them.

**Prayer Requests:**

**The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.**

Please pray that God would bless the NorCo Board of Supervisors and hinder them in offending the poor.

Pray for the MAIN Street Staff, and for more workers to enter this harvest field.

Pray for Jenny's son who is suffering from very difficult health problems. Be very present Lord, in their troubled times.

Pray for Drakar as he begins a relationship with his father. Please Lord, give his dad great wisdom to lead him out of darkness and into your marvelous light.

Please pray for Memmo's health and his upcoming parole board meeting. We ask your perfect will Father.

Lord, give us the means to help them in Your Name ...

**This Year's Theme:** *hearing God in 2008*

**Next Week's Scriptures:**

**March 16, 2008, Palm Sunday (Year A)**

psalm 31.9-16, isaiah 50.4-9a,

matthew 26.14 ~ 27.66, & philippians 2.5-11

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**Ministry:**

**The Table**

**Every Wednesday Evening**

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



6:00 to 8:00

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Evening**

Each Month – Check with Church for Transportation Arrangements

**Consumer Center Church**

**Thursday Evenings**

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

**Norman's Game Night**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Evening** Each Month

Locations to be announced

**still waters** of Pottstown  
home churches & worship center  
"He restores my soul . . . surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23

March 9 :: 2008

**Public Procrastination  
And How to Talk to the Dead**

**Lent 5**

**Worship**

psalm 130

ezekiel 37.1-14

john 11.1-45

romans 8.6-11

**Benediction**

**Tabernacle Worship**

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[Service]

Tonight...

Worship Film ::

“ Psalm 130 ”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Romans 8.6-11 &  
Ezekiel 37.1-14

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Focus Films ::

“ Dwelling ”

The Scripture ~

## Public Procrastination And How to Talk to the Dead

Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live..."

Ezekiel 37.12-14a

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 130, ezekiel 37.1-14,  
john 11.1-45, & romans 8.6-11

Reflection Film ::

“ a Living Truth ”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

¥ vampire Christians

¥ I see dead people

¥ a very public Truth

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**Meditation:**  
*The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry." (Ezekiel 37.1-2)*

**Reflection:**

In Ezekiel's vision and in Lazarus' healing, it is despairing, dried-up people to whom resurrection comes.

In John 11, Lazarus gets a temporary reprieve from death; on Easter, Jesus arrives on the other side of death, where there is no more dying, and ushers in a world order in which God gives abundant life.

Jesus questions Martha, whether she believes that he is the resurrection. Do we believe this? Do we believe in the depth of faithful love necessary to bring life out of the decomposing corpse of my own life, country, and world?



## Psalm 130

[Worship]

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; <sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. <sup>3</sup> If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. <sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. <sup>6</sup> My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—yes, more than those who watch for the morning. <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. <sup>8</sup> And He shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

**Consider:**

[Think &amp; Pray...]

When is "rising from the dead" not "resurrection"? If Lazarus' rising from the dead had been a resurrection, then what happened to Jesus on Easter day wouldn't have been unique; it would have been one of a number of events - such as the raising of the widow of Nain's son in Luke 7.11-16 - that, though rare, happened on more than one occasion. Although Lazarus was raised from the dead, we know that he will die again. His is only a temporary reprieve from death, whereas Jesus' resurrection is permanent. On Easter, Jesus arrives on the other side of death, where there is no more dying.

What is more, unlike Lazarus, Jesus' resurrection affects not just him but the whole of the world. Consequently, as Romans 8:10-11 tells us, if Christ is in us, the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead will give us life. If the risen Christ is in us then we are a part of the new world order, a world order in which there is abundant life given by one who created the world and who re-created it in Christ.

It is, of course, no surprise that the God who raised Lazarus from the dead and who breathes new life into dry bones (Ezekiel 37) is a God who also raises Jesus from the dead. The God in whom we believe gives life and renews creation. Raising Jesus from the dead was not a



change of character on God's behalf, simply an extension of what God has always done. This God yearns to see abundant life flowing through the whole of the world and calls us to live out this vision in the world.

[The Scripture]

**Romans 8.6-11**

<sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.