

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:

William's Home Church

Monday Afternoons

61 N. Evans St. Pottstown, PA 19464

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

King St Commons Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Announcements:

We are starting Dinner and a Movie Night at Still Waters in April. We will show relevant movies to our pilgrimage over a pot-luck dinner with discussion and prayer afterward. Look for further information.

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.

We still do not have a MAIN Street Shelter location for the last two weeks in April. Please pray that a location would emerge this week.

Please pray for Helen who is moving out of the room that she needs. She is also not able to navigate her health and living situations.

Next Week's Scriptures:

April 13, 2008

4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**psalm 23, john 10.1-10,
acts 2.42-47, & 1 peter 2.19-25**

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Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



6:00 to 8:00

1st 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

3rd 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

April 6 :: 2008
Easter 3

Changing Direction
Arriving by walking away...

Worship
psalm 116.1-4, 12-19
luke 24.13-35
acts 2.14a, 36-41
1 peter 1.17-23

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Worship Film ::

“ a Theology of Rebirth ”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture:

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

Focus Films ::

“ 1 Peter 1.17-23 ”

The Scripture ~

Changing Direction
Arriving by walking away...

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; ...

Luke 24.13-16 & 30-31a

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 116.1-4, 12-19, luke 24.13-35,
acts 2.14a, 36-41, & 1 peter 1.17-23

Reflection Film ::

“ Rescued Me ”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13



[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

✠ pain & anguish... given voice

✠ terrible stories remembered...

✠ the true Eucharist...

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Meditation:

And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.” (Luke 24.17-19a & 27)

Reflection:

When we find ourselves on the road of disappointment, like the two on the road to Emmaus, we may be startled to find the Christ walking alongside us, incognito. This Messiah sneaks up alongside us in our times of darkest despair. Then he surprises us with ordinary blessings over everyday bread.

On the road to Emmaus, the quickest thing would have been for Jesus to tell the disciples who he was right away - but instead he journeys with them, asking them to tell what is troubling them, and only then opens their eyes.

still waters

home church studies

Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19 [Worship]

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. 4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. 16 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

Luke 24:13-35 contains my favorite gospel story. With his usual storytelling skill, Luke draws us into this narrative of two disillusioned, disappointed disciples who are traveling to Emmaus (we are never told why) and meet a stranger on the way. Eventually they realize this stranger is Jesus. As with so many of Luke's stories, it illustrates something of the Christian journey of faith.

So many of us go through life disillusioned and disappointed, unable to understand what has happened to

us. When we first meet Jesus, we rarely recognize who he is, but slowly, as he travels with us, he explains to us what is going on.

This story can also function as a model for evangelism and pastoral care. Jesus could have hastening his story—bailing them out of their stupor, revealing himself to them and telling what had happened to him; inviting them to believe, but he didn't do this.

It is tempting when we meet people to hurry them, to offer a solution to their problems. Jesus does not do this. He meets people with gentleness and patience, and journeys with them. Luke reminds us to do the same.

[The Scripture]

1 Peter 1.17-23



17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited

from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.