

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

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

This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Prayer Requests:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray that God would bless our endeavors as we ready the shelter for the fall.

Pray for those who do not have homes yet.

Please pray for Diane Anderson and family after the loss of their son.

Please keep Helen Hankins in prayer for leg, and breathing problems.

It has been a year since we lost Melvin & Nancy. Please keep Franny and her family in prayer as they remember them.

LORD, make us merciful people to those who are easy to love, and especially those that we don't want to.

Next Week's Scriptures:

June 15, 2008 Proper 6 (Year A)

genesis 18.1-15, psalm 116.1-2, 12-19,

matthew 9.35 - 10.23, & romans 5.1-8

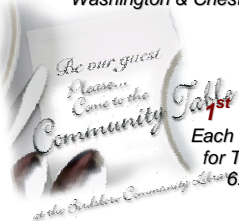
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Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



1st Tuesday Evening

Each Month - Check with Church

for Transportation Arrangements

6:00 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

June 8, 2008

Mercy & Healing
Guess who's coming to dinner?



Worship

genesis 12.1-9

psalm 33.1-12

matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

romans 4.13-25

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Worship Film ::

“Your Love Is...”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 33.1-12

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Genesis 12.1-9

Focus Films ::

“Mercy, Not Sacrifice”

The Scripture ~ **Mercy & Healing**
Guess who's coming to dinner?

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'"

Matthew 9.10-13a

This week's Lectionary:

genesis 12.1-9, psalm 33.1-12

matthew 9.9-13, 18-26, & romans 4.13-25

Reflection Film ::

“Mercy Street”

Benediction ::

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



[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

¥ mercy and land rights?

¥ dinner with the dead

¥ blessed people, blessed lands



Meditation:

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12.1- 3

Reflection:

What does it mean for God to promise Abraham the land of Caanan? The same Hebrew word, 'erets, means both "earth" - that which God created and which belongs only to God - and "land" - territory whose ownership is, in the Old Testament and today, a source of contention and even violence.

still waters

home church studies

Psalm 33.1-12

[Worship]

1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. 4 For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. 5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. 6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. 10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. 11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Consider: Shelley Douglass [Think & Pray...]

In Matthew we have a healing within a healing. Each one brings new life and hope: to a girl already dead, to a woman who had hemorrhaged for 12 years. Both women, both unclean. Each touched by Jesus or touching him—which would make him in his turn impure. Each healed. Mercy, not righteousness; Jesus is not reported to have purified himself after touching them.

Jesus embodies for us (literally) the radical mercy of God, reaching beyond the boundaries of social sin, disease, even of death, and healing where we are most hurt. Who among us has not felt after years of pain that some wound had healed, some flow of our life's blood stanching? Having felt that, can we deny it to our sisters and brothers? Can we lack hope that the rest of our wounds can be healed?



The earth belongs to God, and God invites us into mercy by extending mercy. We are not ordered to be merciful. We are healed by mercy and left with the light and the rain as our teachers. Be merciful, as God is merciful.

[The Scripture] **Matthew 7.13b, 18-26**

For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." 18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well," and instantly the woman was made well. 23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread throughout that district.