

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

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19456

7:00 to 9:00

Buddy's Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Sports Corner Bar, York St

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Community Table, 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



This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

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

Pray for Pastor Kenn Cosgrove and Family. They must move out of their home by August 15th, and are looking for another.

Please pray for Edythe as she readies to move to a smaller, more manageable home. Pray also for Zenona, that she finds the place that God has for her and that she fully cooperates with His will for her.

Merciful LORD, please watch over us as we find our place in you. Amen.

Next Week's Scriptures:

August 3, 2008 Proper 13 (Year A)

genesis 32.22-31, psalm 17.1-7, 15,

matthew 14.13-21, & romans 9.1-5

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"He restores my soul . . . surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23

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Outlaws, Sinners & Trespassers
How God confronts the
righteous

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Worship

genesis 29.15-28

psalm 105.1-11

matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

romans 8.26-39

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 105

Worship Film ::

“Anointed by a Sinner”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Genesis 29:15-28

Focus Film ::

“The Worst of Sinners”

The Scripture ~

Outlaws, Sinners & Trespassers

How God confronts the righteous

Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Matthew 13.51 & 52

This week's Lectionary:

genesis 29.15-28, psalm 105.1-11,
matthew 13.31-33, 44-52, romans 8.26-39

Reflection Film ::

“Mustard Seeds”

Benediction ::

Revelation 22 .12-14, 16-17, 20-21



[Journaling Worship
your discussion notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]

✦ dropping bombshells

✦ seeds, yeast & fields

✦ holy connections



Meditation:

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun."

Romans 8.29-30

Reflection:

Contrary to those who view Paul as focused entirely on individual spirituality, we must understand that Paul fundamentally recognized "the powers" - the institutions that shape our lives, that are simultaneously social and spiritual as they are even fallen.

In Romans 8 God promises unshakeable love while Matthew 13 makes stern predictions for "the end of the age." Let's consider how passages about the end times should not lead us to individualized, passive spirituality, but rather to active confrontation with the principalities and powers of the world around us, giving the world our treasure—both old and new.

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Psalm 105

home church studies
[Worship]

1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. 7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. 8 He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, 9 the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, 10 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, 11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

Prayer—the deliberate act of placing ourselves in the presence of God—is a tremendously difficult endeavor. The large number of books that tailor prayer to personality, piety, and theological framework suggests the desire people have for a felt relationship with God. There are thousands of Christians who live in the hope that there is a direct correlation between one's peace and prosperity and one's prayer life (a current incarnation of which can be seen in the bestseller *The Prayer of Jabez*). Yet there are also those of us who hesitate to ask for

anything at all, and are leery of even thanking God for the blessings of our lives, since those "blessings" can include the spoils of an unjust global order. We tend to focus on seeking the kingdom and allow our lives and labor to constitute our praying.

Relationship, it seems to me, is the purpose of all form of prayer. Even when we intercede for others, our praying for and with them deepens our solidarity with that for which we pray. "The Spirit helps us in our weakness," Paul writes, "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26). To be able to risk asking for what we need requires a trust that is capable of risking desire and love. This is the very trusting out of which all relationships are made possible—reaching out in hope that the sought-after will reach back. **Kari Jo Verhulst**

[The Scripture]

Matthew 13.31-34

Another story. "God's kingdom is like a mustard seed that a farmer plants. It is quite small as seeds go, but in the course of years it grows into a huge tree, and birds build nests in it."

Another story. "God's kingdom is like yeast that a woman works into the dough for dozens of loaves of barley bread—and waits while the dough rises."

"God's kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic—what a find!—and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field.

