

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

7:00 to 9:00

Bright Hope Community Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Myrtle Street, Pottstown

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Announcements:

SPRING CLEAN-UP & RECYCLING

March 27th 3pm-6:30pm & March 28th 10am-2pm

Get rid of all your old computer & electronic equipment and help save our Earth!!

Hosted by **Montgomery County Community College**

Acceptable items:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Laptops | Computer Monitors (\$5.00 fee) |
| CPUs | Keyboards & accessories |
| Printers | Speakers |
| Cords/Cables | Copiers and fax machines |
| Car and Household batteries | Televisions (\$10.00 fee) |

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray that God would bless our endeavors as we operate the mobile shelter this season. Also remember the host churches that will be extending the love of Christ to our friends. Thank God for them!! And remember to pray for Trinity Reformed UCC as they host for the first time this month.

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for Brenda, as she recovers in the hospital; Jerry for recovery in rehab; Ron's health; John and Glenn, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation; Please, also keep John's health in prayer; and for us all, as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

There are very good and God honoring people who are valuable to Christ in His ministry!

Next Week's Scriptures:

March 29, 2009: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

psalm 51.1-12, jeremiah 31.31-34,

john 12.20-33, & hebrews 5.5-10

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March 22 - 2009

Lifted Up
Or, Impatience on the Way to
a Good Life

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship

psalm 107.1-3, 17-22

numbers 21.4-9

john 3.14-21

ephesians 2.1-10

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship

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Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House

[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Exodus 20”

Scripture Reading ::

Numbers 21.4-9

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Psalms 107.1-3, 17-22

Focus Film ::

“Psalm 107”

The Scripture ~

Lifted Up

Or, *impatience on the Way to a Good Life*

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

John 3.17—18

This week's Lectionary:

Forth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

psalm 107.1-3, 17-22, numbers 21.4-9,
john 3.14-21, & ephesians 2.1-10

Reflection Film ::

“A Time to die, But...”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

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

✧ sickness & purity codes?

✧ finding our way back

✧ a lofty seat

Meditation:

“...we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2.3b—7

Reflection:

In our busy lives, we are always moving. Yet, the New Testament readings tell us there is one movement more important than any other - our being raised up with Christ into heaven.

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home church studies

Psalm 107.1-3,17-22 [Worship]

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

17 Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; 18 they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; 20 he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. 21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. 22 And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Consider:

Bill Wylie-Kellermann

The literary and theological movement of the Ephesians text has certain parallels to Israel's death and resurrection. Here, we who were dead under the ruler of the world are now raised with Christ and made to sit in heavenly places. Our life is the pattern of death, resurrection, and ascension (the latter hints at an authority

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over the powers here and now that we are much too slow to exercise).

John, in his fashion, compresses the movement into a single ironic action: being lifted up (3:14). It's all one for him, a simultaneous mystery: hoisted on the cross and raised in glory. And all of it, beginning to end, is the love of God for this world. The messengers and the movement. The ache and the song. The sending of Christ.



[Scripture]

Ephesians 2. 1-10

1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Also read, John 3.14-21