

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

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

On Summer Hiatus Until November

Fund raising and shelter cleanup efforts are beginning this month

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

Announcements:

Shenkel UCC in North Coventry, in their attempt to host our shelter for 2 years now, might be coming to the end of a long road, legally with North Coventry. The ACLU has filed a law suit on their behalf. Our friends at Shenkel have done this reluctantly, not wanting conflict with the Township, but when the world's kingdoms come into conflict with Christ's kingdom and following Him, we must be obedient to our King. Keep them in prayer!

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

2008/2009 Season has come to an end and the work of fund raising, laundry, and storage are beginning. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, remember Patrice's sister, that she finds employment and faith.

Please, also keep all of us in prayer; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Next Week's Scriptures:

July 12, 2009: Proper 10 (Year B)

psalm 24, 2 samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19,

mark 6.14-29, & ephesians 1.3-14

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Perfectly Weak
Or, power and disbelief

Worship

psalm 48

2 samuel 5.1-5, 9-10

mark 6.1-13

2 corinthians 12.2-10

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalms 48

Focus Film ::

“Laborers Needed”

Scripture Reading ::

2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10

Focus Film ::

“Strength from Weakness”

The Scripture ~

Perfectly Weak
Or, power and disbelief

... he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

Mark 6.5—9

This week's Lectionary:
psalm 48, 2 samuel 5.1-5, 9-10,
mark 6.1-13, & 2 corinthians 12.2-10

Focus Film ::

“Fulfilling”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

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

✚ liberty & security

✚ some thing can't change

✚ insuring that God is heard

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Meditation:
...So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.”

2 Corinthians 12.9b—10

Reflection:

Sometimes we don't want the old order to change. Yet in Samuel and Mark we find that the old order must change for God's will to be done. Jesus sends out the disciples as heralds of a new order, one in which there is power in weakness - as Corinthians instructs - for God is making all things new. - Verna J. Dozier



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home church studies

Psalm 48

[Worship]

1 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, 2 beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. 3 Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense. 4 Then the kings assembled, they came on together. 5 As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight; 6 trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, 7 as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. Selah

9 We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. 10 Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. 11 Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments. 12 Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, 13 consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation 14 that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

Consider:

[Words]

What gives us security? This is the challenge of our readings today. Samuel points us to a king who, like all other kings, looks for political and military security, exemplified here by the building of a fortress (2 Samuel 5:9-10). The psalmist draws attention to the security of the city, inviting people to reflect on its strength. However, the psalm is not an adoring song of praise to the city, but rather to God, who in time of danger has provided the only true security when enemies have threatened.

Those with the eyes of spiritual discernment are bidden to reflect on God's faithful love, because "your right hand is full

of saving justice" (Psalm 48:10-11). God does not politick like kings and presidents; God is above all the might of citadels and armies, and alone ensures future generations as "our God forever and ever" (Psalm 48:14).

Jesus, David's descendant, is apparently without security. In his home village, he is known simply as the carpenter. People are hostile to his liberating acts. Facing the rejection of the crowd, he returns to his new family, the community of his disciples. He tells them that they too have no securities—no food, money, baggage, or clothes. But they do have authority over the destructive spirits that oppress and threaten liberation (Mark 6:8).

Reflection and Action

Where does your security lie? When have you experienced God's power at full strength in weakness? Where have you been made unwelcome because of your faith in God's liberating power? How have you dealt with that?

[Scripture]

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3 And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 12:8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9 but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Also read, **Mark 6.1-13**



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Daily Lectionary Readings
for Ordinary Calendar Year B [Worship]

These readings are adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, Daily Readings for Year One.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun Jul 5	am: 146, 147 pm: 111, 112, 113	1 Sam 14:36-45	Rom 5:1-11	Matt 22:1-14
Mon P9 Jul 6	am: 1, 2, 3 pm: 4, 7	1 Sam 15:1-3, 7-23	Acts 9:19b-31	Luke 23:44-56a
Tues Jul 7	am: 5, 6 pm: 10, 11	1 Sam 15:24-35	Acts 9:32-43	Luke 23:56b-24:11
Wed Jul 8	am: 119:1-24 pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Sam 16:1-13	Acts 10:1-6	Luke 24:12-35
Thur Jul 9	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	1 Sam 16:14-17:11	Acts 10:17-33	Luke 24:36-53
Fri Jul 10	am: 16, 17 pm: 22	1 Sam 17:17-30	Acts 10:34-48	Mark 1:1-13
Sat Jul 11	am: 20, 21 pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Sam 17:31-49	Acts 11:1-18	Mark 1:14-28
Sun Jul 12	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 114, 115	1 Sam 17:50-18:4	Rom 10:4-17	Matt 23:29-39
Mon P10 Jul 13	am: 25 pm: 9, 15	1 Sam 18:5-16 27b-30	Acts 11:19-30	Mark 1:29-45
Tue Jul 14	am: 26, 28 pm: 36, 39	1 Sam 19:1-18	Acts 12:1-17	Mark 2:1-12
Wed Jul 15	am: 38 pm: 119:25-48	1 Sam 20:1-23	Acts 12:18-25	Mark 2:13-22
Thur Jul 16	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	1 Sam 20:24-42	Acts 13:1-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
Fri Jul 17	am: 31 pm: 35	1 Sam 21:1-15	Acts 13:13-25	Mark 3:7-19a
Sat Jul 18	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	1 Sam 22:1-23	Acts 13:26-43	Mark 3:19b-35
Sun Jul 19	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	1 Sam 23:7-18	Rom 11:33-12:2	Matt 24:14-30

Mon P11 Jul 20	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	1 Sam 24:1-22	Acts 13:44-52	Mark 4:1-20
Tue Jul 21	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	1 Sam 25:1-22	Acts 14:1-18	Mark 4:21-34
Wed Jul 22	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	1 Sam 25:23-44	Acts 14:19-28	Mark 4:35-41
Thur Jul 23	am: 50, 59, 60 pm: 66, 67	1 Sam 28:3-20	Acts 15:1-11	Mark 5:1-20
Fri Jul 24	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	1 Sam 31:1-13	Acts 15:12-21	Mark 5:21-43
Sat Jul 25	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	2 Sam 1:1-16	Acts 15:22-35	Mark 6:1-13
Sun Jul 26	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	2 Sam 1:17-27	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 25:31-46
Mon P12 Jul 27	am: 56, 57, 58 pm: 64, 65	2 Sam 2:1-11	Acts 15:36-16:5	Mark 6:14-29
Tue Jul 28	am: 61, 62 pm: 68	2 Sam 3:6-21	Acts 16:6-15	Mark 6:30-46
Wed Jul 29	am: 72 pm: 119:73-96	2 Sam 3:22-39	Acts 16:16-24	Mark 6:47-56
Thur Jul 30	am: 70, 71 pm: 74	2 Sam 4:1-12	Acts 16:25-40	Mark 7:1-23
Fri Jul 31	am: 69 pm: 73	2 Sam 5:1-12	Acts 17:1-15	Mark 7:24-37
Sat Aug 1	am: 75, 76 pm: 23, 27	2 Sam 5:22-6:11	Acts 17:16-34	Mark 8:1-10

your talking points notes...