

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

Is discontinued until April 21, 2010

Washington & Chestnut Sts.

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

MAIN Street Shelter

April's Host Church is

Christ Episcopal

Fund raising and Shelter Intake

Center cleanup efforts provide

many volunteering opportunities.

Announcements:

Norman Vanderlick has moved to a group home in Harleysville. Please consider writing him a note love and encouragement while he settles in.

His new address is: 140 Crescent Ln, Harleysville, PA 19438

We will be trying to coordinate bringing him to dinner, church, and singing once a month. Pray and see where you might fit in assuring him of our love for him.

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

We are still working at fund raising, laundry, Intake staffing, and we are still in need of overnight staff. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork, or Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Your Prayer Notes:

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week and:

Remember Ron's health difficulties and to keep him strong while running the shelter; the Grater family, who's elderly father has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer; for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and the future of Still Waters, also keep all of us in prayers; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Please, also, pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation.

Next Week's Scriptures:

April 11, 2010: Sunday after Easter (Year C)

psalm 150, acts 5.27-32, john 20.19-31, & revelation 1.4-8

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April 4 - 2010

Living with Christ
Or, seeing isn't Believing

He Is Risen
Easter Sunday

Worship
psalm 118.1-2, 14-24
acts 10.34-43
john 20.1-18
1 corinthians 15.19-26

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Imagine”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

This week's Lectionary Text:

psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, acts 10.34-43,
john 20.1-18, & 1 corinthians 15.19-26

Focus Film ::

“Dying with Christ”

The Scripture ~

Living with Christ Or, Seeing isn't

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" John 20.11-15a

Song Worship & Sending Film ::

“He Is Risen”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

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

✚ comprehending the
incomprehensible

✚ blind facts...

✚ being re-born

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Meditation:
I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. Acts 10.34b—36

Reflection:

"Easter did not just happen one morning 2,000 years ago, and it does not happen one Sunday a year; it happens over and over again through the life of the church and the life of those who would follow Jesus. It happens after the chocolate and jelly beans are gone; it happens when we know that love and hope have died. Then and now, powers and principalities say no to resistance, but God says yes to life. Death does not have the last word. Each new Christian generation has Easter experiences that demand the absurd proclamation, 'He is alive!'"
—Laurel Dykstra, The Creator of Life



still waters

home church studies

Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24 [Worship]

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! 2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; 16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. 20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Consider:

[Words]

The news of Easter is that in the resurrection of Jesus, God has broken all the vicious cycles of deathliness in which the world finds itself. The lyric of Isaiah 65:17-25 anticipates that weary old heaven, jaded old earth, and conflicted old Jerusalem all will be broken open by the power of God to new, healthy possibility.

What the poetry of Isaiah anticipates the early church confesses. The Easter narrative of John 20 provides an early attestation about the "seeing" and "believing" of the first Easter, first reported by the uncredentialed women and then verified by the credentialed male apostles. The news of this new aliveness is breath-taking; Mary's declaration, "I have seen the Lord," is one of bewilderment and astonishment (John 20:18). Neither she nor her companions could explain what had happened because they had no categories for this exhibit of God's power for life. The narrative portrays a deep, singular event that defies all of our modern categories of explanation.

It is this singular event on which the church stakes its life and its witness. Paul testifies about the defeat of "the last enemy... death" (1 Corinthians 15:26). Peter witnesses to the gift of forgiveness given in Easter (Acts 10:43). Easter invites us to imagine, embrace, and live in a world that is without fear of death or guilt. It is no wonder that the authorities recognized the Easter proclamation to be dangerously subversive of the world organized around death and guilt.

[Scripture]

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Question: *Where have you seen the Risen Christ?*

In God's new world of resurrection, are you still living in sin guilt? What keeps us alive IN Christ, free from shame, and able to see believe, and walk in Newness of Life—the Resurrection..

Also, read for yourself this week, John 20.1-18