

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 those prayer requests from last week and:

Remember Ron's health, 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 keep our church in prayer during yet another time of upheaval and difficulty while trying to remain faithful to God's calling to the least around us.

Pray for the Brackens.

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

Next Week's Scriptures:

April 25, 2010: 4th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

psalm 23, john 10.22-30, acts 9.36-43, & revelation 7.9-17

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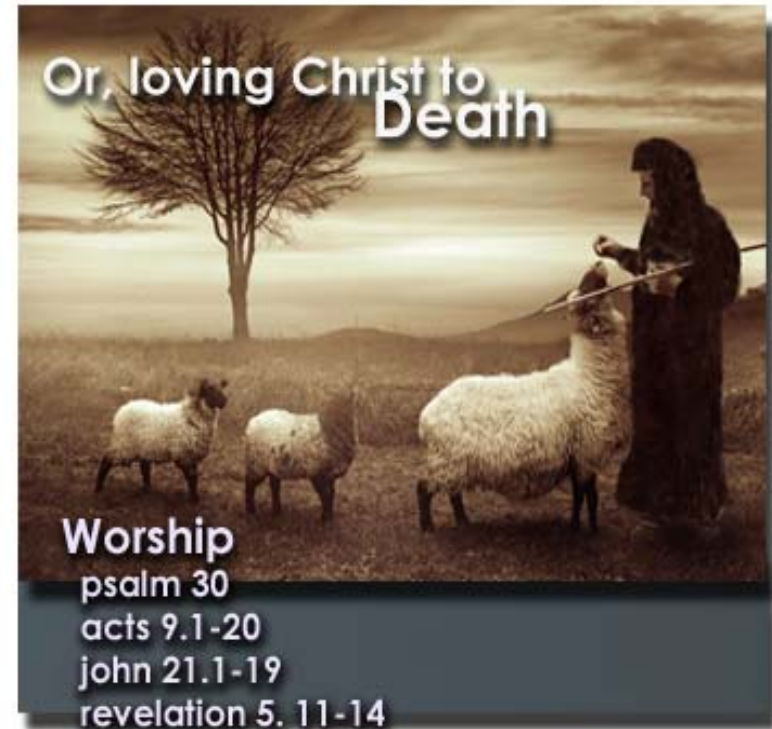
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April 18 - 2010

Feeding & Tending



Benediction



[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Saul,.. Saul...”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 30

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Revelation 5.11-14

This week's Lectionary Text:

psalm 30, john 21.1-19,
acts 9.1-20, & revelation 5.11-14

Focus Film ::

“Doubt”

The Scripture ~

Feeding & Tending Or, loving Christ to Death

Do you love me?"

And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

John 21.17-18, 19b

Sending Film ::

“Unexpected Voices”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

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

✂ how do you love?

✂ escaping religious pretense

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Meditation:
But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'" Acts 9.15—16

Reflection:

In foreshadowing how Peter would die, the gospel of John actually says much more about the way Peter would live: in full obedience to the gospel. Like Paul, Peter found new life and freedom in his willingness to be bound by discipleship.

— Michaela Bruzzese

Psalm 30

[Worship]

1 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. 2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. 3 O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. 4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. 5 For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." 7 By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. 8 To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: 9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? 10 Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, 12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Consider:

Faith bears witness to abrupt, transformative newness that it cannot explain. It can only narrate what it has seen and heard.

[Words]

The gospel reading turns on Peter's assertion, "It is the Lord!" (John 21.7). Jesus shows up where least expected, and everything is changed. The life-giving power of God has the capacity, always again on exhibit, to work newness where newness seems impossible. Our readings provide three "case studies" of the gift of Easter newness.

In Psalm 30, the psalm tells of the turn from mourning to dancing, from sad clothes into joy clothes (v.11). Joy comes in the morning ... after long weeping (v.5)!

In the Acts narrative, the living Lord confronts Saul the persecutor: "I am Jesus" (v.9). Nobody, surely not Ananias, expected that Saul could be transformed into a daring follower of "the Way." But he is! He is given back his sight for his new vocation.

The lyric of Revelation 5 offers a scene of all creatures gathered around the throne of God. What a song they sing! It is about the "slaughtered Lamb" (crucified Jesus) become the enthroned Lamb (Risen Lord), endowed with power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing (v.12-13).

The readings provide a remarkable inventory concerning God's transformative power: Saul to Paul, slain Lamb to enthroned Lamb. These texts invite us to ponder God's gifts of newness among us: new selves, new church, new world. Gifts beyond our despairing.

[Scripture]

Revelation 5.11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Question:

In what ways have you been transformed by the Risen Christ?

Are you returning to familiar fishing, or tending sheep?

Also, read for yourself this week,
John 21.1-19 & Acts 9.1-20