

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 May 19, 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

We are down for the Summer, But...

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.

The 2009/2010 Shelter Season is finished, but we are still working at fund raising, laundry, and cleanup while we endeavor to begin again in November. 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 our host churches!!

Your Prayer Notes:

Remember those prayer requests from last week and:



Remember Ron's health, to keep him strong; the Grater family, who's elderly father has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer; for Bruce's health issues; for Diana's family to be reunited; 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:

May 9, 2010: 6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

psalm 67, john 14.23-29,

acts 16.9-15, & revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5

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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“ Psalm 148 ”

Scripture Reading ::

John 13.31-35

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Revelation 21.1-6

This week's Lectionary Text:

psalm 148, john 13.31-35,
acts 11.1-18, & revelation 21.1-6

Focus Film ::

“ Known By Love? ”

The Scripture ~

Stopping God Or, Cleaning the House For Company?

And I remembered

the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God,.. Acts 11 .16—18a

Sending Film ::

“ Signs of Salvation ”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

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

¥ a new command

¥ who am I to hinder God?

¥ repent TO what?

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Meditation:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13 .34—35

Reflection:

" The new command that Jesus gives to his followers is love. 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' Since love is expansive, this is a love that goes beyond family or faith community." -Valerie Elverton Dixon

Psalm 148

[Worship]

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! 2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. 6 He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, 8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! 10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12 Young men and women alike, old and young together! 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Consider:

Following the resurrection and leading to Pentecost, we and the disciples learn how to live the resurrection and translate it into community, into church. For Jesus' followers, community has always consisted of those who look, think, pray, and act like they do. Once on their own, the disciples revert to what is comfortable and known. When Peter ministers among the Gentiles, the other disciples ask him, "Why did you go to uncircumcised people and eat with them?" Peter gives a lengthy explanation, ultimately concluding, "If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" (Acts 11:17). Peter and the

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community are amazed to find that the "unclean" are also invited to the table: "God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life!"

If Jesus' own followers had trouble living the gospel, how much more so will we? Aren't we, too, hesitant to believe that God has given all others "the repentance that leads to life"?

Perhaps instead of judging the worthiness of those who are different, we should look at our own lives and the opportunities for conversion that lie within. According to martyred Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, the ongoing process of conversion is itself the meaning of church: "One cannot be part of this church without being faithful to [Jesus'] manner of passing from death to life, without a sincere movement of conversion and of fidelity to the Lord." Both the disciples and Romero had to rethink their preconceived notions about what—and who—makes the church. In both cases, it was the despised, the unclean, who helped the faithful to pass "from death to life."

— Michaela Bruzzese

[Scripture]

Revelation 21.1-6

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Question:

Where have the "unclean" been the conduit that has brought you to a closer walk, understanding, and love for the risen Christ, who's Spirit is among us?

Are the signs of salvation being lived out through your resurrected life?

Also, read for yourself this week,

john 13.31-35 & acts 11.1-18