

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

Begins again THIS WEEK, Wednesday

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm

Washington & Chestnut Sts.

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Thursday 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 John's mother's health; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Gary's back and sciatica; for Matt Thomas' marriage to be restored; for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and 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—the future of Still Waters, 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:

June 13, 2010: Proper 6 (Year C)

Psalm 5.1-8, 1 Kings 21.1-21a, Luke 7.36-8.3, & Galatians 2.15-21

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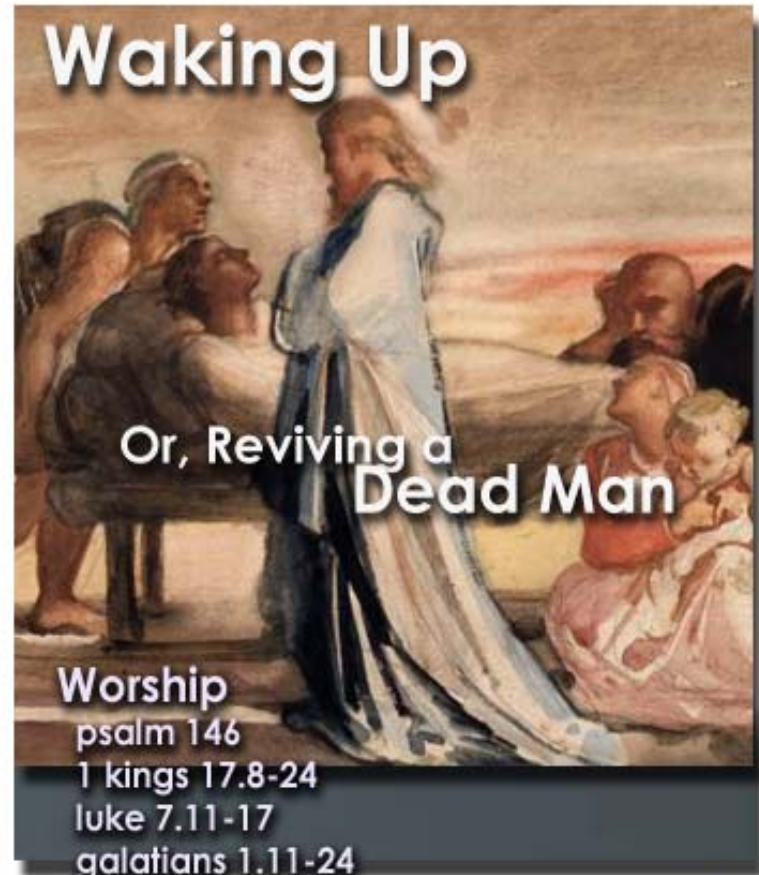
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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 146

Focus Film ::

"The Gospel According to Luke"

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

1 Kings 17.8-24

Focus Film ::

"Faithful Until He Comes"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*psalm 146, 1 kings 17.8-24,
luke 7.11-17, & galatians 1.11-24*

The Scripture ~

Waking Up *Or, reviving a*

Dead Man

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." *Luke 7. 11—13*

Sending Film ::

"Addicted to Control"

Benediction ::

Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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

✚ Well done

✚ where do we learn
resurrection?

✚ controlling stuff

Meditation:

Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me." Galatians 1.21—24

Reflection:

"To the psalmist (Ps 146), God is creator and savior, a God of power and blessing who can be trusted in every crisis. This God brings justice to the oppressed, feeds the hungry, sets the prisoner free, restores sight to the blind, loves the righteous, takes care of the stranger, gives heart to the orphan and widow, and unseats the wicked from their thrones. This same God, who liberates the people from ancient oppressions in Egypt and makes "a way out of no way" for those in exile, has promised to come to us if we wait with patience."

— Calvin Morris, *God's Promises Unfold*



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Psalm 146

[Worship]

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! 2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. 4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; 8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. 9 The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. 10 The LORD will reign forever.

Consider:

Biblical faith attests that God, creator of the world, is the giver of life, even in a world of deathliness. While that claim is pervasive in faith, it is rooted in specific, nameable moments when God's power for life was particularly concentrated and effective in contexts of death. In these readings, we have two such specific moments. Elijah is presented as the one who gave life to the widow's son: He prayed, and then declared to the mother, "See, your son is alive" (1 Kings 17:23). In a reprise of that narrative, Jesus commanded the widow's only son, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" (Luke 7:14). In neither case does the narrative explain or speculate. It only bears witness. It asserts that God's has moves powerfully beyond all of our categories to offer new life. In these moments, the creator enacts the new creation.

[Words]

From that the church echoes Israel in doxology concerning the God who gives new life to prisoners, the blind, the bowed down, strangers, orphans, and widows (Psalm 146:8-9). Such practices, in neighborly action and in broad policy concerns, exhibit God's way in and intention for the world. This God is a "help," as the psalmist says, toward that life, exactly when human agents are "no help."

It is to this life-giving God that Paul is summoned as witness and apostle. And of course, Paul intends that the churches he addresses should join him in praise and obedience to the God of life. This requires a bold confidence (the kind that Paul exhibits) that refuses the world's deathliness and that acts with and toward the new life God gives. The Psalm summarizes that new way in the world as "justice for the oppressed" (Psalm 146:7). Easter faith is indeed revolutionary in the world. The Spirit of Pentecost is the Spirit of new life, the force not stopped, even by our fear of that newness.

- Walter Brueggemann

[Scripture]

Galatians 1 .11-17

11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, 16 as pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Question:

Resurrection says something to people. It implies something is dead, but within the power of God, the object reanimates to become purposeful, saying strong things about God's love, where it is directed, and through whom it is delivered.

Where can you see failings, unravelings, "deaths" restored to life as God's voice around us?

*Also, read for yourself this week,
Luke 7.11-17 & 1 Kings 17.8-24*