

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, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

King St Commons Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Announcements:

Cleaning Supplies Needed for St John's

These folks have, and continue to bless our church. They are in need of cleaning and office supplies continually, as they host very many things here, in this building weekly. Please consider helping them in this small way. There is a list of needed items, and a box located in the doorway to drop your offerings for them. Thanks!!

Prayer Requests:

Continue to pray for Buzz as he completes his chemotherapy and radiation over the next weeks. Should you wish to send him a card or write him, his address is; *Buzz Saylor, 811 Highland Ave, Boyertown, PA 19512.*

Please keep Fanny in you prayers as she continues through the grieving process of losing her Mother.

Michael & Moya as they navigate the system to find Moya's birth Certificate, and for their upcoming marriage.

Pray for Bill & Sherry Kraft as they seek God's will in upcoming opportunities, both in the area of employment, and ministry.

Please keep Robert's sisters, Beth and Amy in prayer as they struggle to find God and overcome addictions.

Pray for Zenona's health. Pray also that she knows that she is loved by God, and his children.

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

The Code Enforcement Officer is trying to make the road to opening difficult. Please pray that God would bless her, or remove her from offending the poor.

October 21, 2007: **Proper 24 (Year C)**

**psalm 119.97-104, jeremiah 31.27-34,
luke 18.1-8, & 2 timothy 3.14 - 4.5**

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Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



6:00 to 8:00

1st Tuesday Evening

Each Month – Check with Church

for Transportation Arrangements

Consumer Center Church

Thursday Evenings on hold for the summer

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

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**"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me"** Psalm 23

October 14 :: 2007

**Doing Religion
A Crisis of Gratitude**



Worship

psalm 66.1-12

jeremiah 29.1, 4-7

luke 17.11-19

2 timothy 2.8-15

Benediction

proper 25 (Year C)

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[Service]

Tonight...

Worship Film ::

“ Psalm 66 ”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Scripture Reading ::

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds

Focus Films ::

with songs of joy

“ Rethink EVERYTHING ”

The Scripture ~

Doing Religion
A Crisis of Gratitude

Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" *Luke 17. 17b-18*

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 66.1-12, jeremiah 29.1, 4-7,
luke 17.11-19, & 2 timothy 2.8-15

Reflection Film ::

“ Amazing Grace ”

Benediction ::

revelation 22 .12-14, 16-17, 20-21

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes...

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Meditation:
...multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.' (Jeremiah 29.6b—7)

Reflection:

Israel's experience in exile and Jesus' healing of the ten lepers emphasize that a lived faith, in the midst of despair, is just as important (if not, more so), as in the midst of joy - and that no one is beyond reach of God's invitation to new life. The story of the ten lepers tells us that our healing is incomplete until we come back to serve in gratitude.



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home church studies

psalm 66.1-12

[Worship]

1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; 2 sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. 3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. 4 All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Selah 5 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. 6 He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, 7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah 8 Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, 9 who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. 10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. 11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; 12 you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

Divine Source, Human Means The healing of the leper is packed with insights about healing. First, Jesus is not afraid of contamination. He does not regard holiness as separation, as did the Pharisees and Essenes. He understands it rather as the mighty power of God to heal. He rejects the notion that external things defile or pollute a person's essential being (Mark 7:15; Matthew 15:11).

In contrast to the traditional view, Jesus regards holiness/wholeness - not uncleanness - as contagious. Thus Jesus touches the leper, the unclean, women, the sick, without fear of contamination. Holiness is not something to be protected; rather, it is God's numinous transforming power.

Second, Jesus does not use healing to bring others under the spell of his own charisma. He merely sends these lepers on their way to the priest. Their *going*, their trust, their acting on his command activates their healing. He is not content merely to heal, but to restore their own sense of power: "*Your faith has made you well.*"

Third, there is healing, and then there is wholeness. Only one leper, recognizing his healing, returns to give thanks and praise. There is an aching sadness in Jesus' question, "But the other nine, where are they?" He had empowered them, and they think they healed themselves. So quickly they forget! They are still spiritual lepers. Why was it the lone Samaritan among them that returned? What is the difference between being cleansed (v. 14) and being made whole/well/saved (v. 19)?

Who are the people in your life who have been agents of healing for you? Have you glorified God for your healing? Have you thanked the people? Would a letter be appropriate?

Walter Wink

[The Scripture]

2 timothy 2 .8-15

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, 9 for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. 14 Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.