

**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:**

**William's Home Church**

**Monday Afternoons**

61 N. Evans St. Pottstown, PA 19464

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

**King St Commons Home Church**

**Thursday Afternoons**

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

**Hanover St. Home Church**

**Tuesday Evenings**

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

**This Year's Theme:** *hearing God in 2008*

**Announcements:**

We are starting Dinner And A Movie Night at Still Waters in April. We will show relevant movies to our pilgrimage over a pot-luck dinner with discussion and prayer afterward. Look for further information.

**Prayer Requests:**

**The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.**

Please pray that God would bless the NorCo Board of Supervisors and hinder them in offending the poor.

The mobile MAIN Street Shelter is hosted this month by our friends at Zion's United Church of Christ. Remember to pray for them. We are still in need of a location for April.

Pray for the MAIN Street Staff, and for more workers to enter this harvest field.

We received word that Sophie Zimmerman (our friend from the Love, INC Community Meal) died yesterday. Please remember to pray for Sophie and all of the people who have been effected by a fire on Furnace Street in Birdsboro Saturday morning.

**Next Week's Scriptures:**

**March 30, 2008**

**2nd Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

**psalm 16, john 20.19-31, acts 2.14a, 22-32, & 1 peter 1.3-9**

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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**

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

**Norman's Game Night**

**3rd Friday Evening** Each Month

Locations to be announced

**still waters** of Pottstown  
home churches & worship center  
"He restores my soul . . . surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23

March 23 = 2008  
*Easter Sunday*

**LOST**  
Playing hide & seek with God

**Worship**

psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

john 20.1-18

acts 10.34-43

colossians 3.1-4

**Benediction**

**Tabernacle Worship**

75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465

Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House

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[Service]

Tonight...

Worship Film ::

“Ye Are Dead”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture:

John 20.1-18

Focus Films ::

“Protesting or Listening”

The Scripture ~

**LOST**  
Playing hide & seek with God

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Colossians 3.1-4

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, john 20.1-18,  
acts 10.34-43, & colossians 3.1-4

Reflection Film ::

“He is Risen!!”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13



[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

✦ He is Risen!

✦ revealed where?

✦ a holy narrow-mindedness

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**Meditation:**

*Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her." (John 20.15-18)*

**Reflection:**

For most Americans, Easter has become a day to look at our privilege and to celebrate its continuance. But the first resurrection came not to people of privilege, but to people who were devastated with no hope for the restored kingdom.

The fact that God can transform hearts of stone into hearts of flesh, when we consider our own capacity to resist loving selflessly, is far more amazing than the idea that God can resuscitate a body.

The resurrection galvanizes us into action, commissioning us to communicate Easter hope to a world consumed by despair.

## Psalm 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:

[Think &amp; Pray...]



In the 20th chapter of the fourth gospel Mary Magdalene is dismayed by the absence of Jesus' dead body. "They," she keeps repeating, "have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Her obsession with a missing corpse

carries over even to her encounter with the living Jesus. "Stop clinging to me!" he tells her.

Don't sentimentalize Mary. She is one of the oppressed seeking the body of her teacher who was executed by a hated colonial power and its client rulers. I have met quiet, determined women in similar circumstances. Had Mary in fact discovered a dead body, it could have led to anything. In Belgrade, Zagreb, and Sarajevo after the wars there, I have seen the victim's grave become the blessed point of departure for the next murder. Beloved corpses function as inspirations for slaughter. The death penalty lies in waiting in our hearts.

Theological propaganda has isolated the resurrection of Jesus from the event it followed. The crucifixion was an atrocity, standing for all the atrocities committed against loved ones from then until now. We are liberated from bondage to that parade of corpses by the resurrection of all our beloved victims into the forgiveness of the living God —*Jim Douglass*

[The Scripture]

## Acts 10.34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him **after** he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that **he** is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."