

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

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

This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Prayer Requests:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray that God would bless our endeavors as we ready the shelter for the fall.

Pray for those who do not have homes yet.

Please pray for Diane Anderson and family after the loss of their son.

Please keep Helen Hankins in prayer for leg, and breathing problems.

LORD, make us merciful people to those who are easy to love, and especially those that we don't want to.

Next Week's Scriptures:

June 22, 2008 Proper 7 (Year A)

genesis 21.8-21, psalm 86.1-10,

16-17, matthew 10.24-39, & romans 6.1b-11

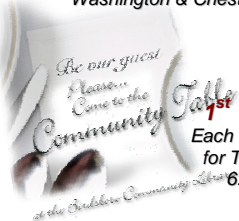
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Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



1st Tuesday Evening

Each Month – Check with Church

for Transportation Arrangements

6:00 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

June 15 :: 2008

Framing A New Story
Sending a sheep
to do a son-of-man's job



Worship

genesis 18.1-15

psalm 116.1-2, 12-19

matthew 9.35 – 10.23

romans 5.1-8

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Romans 5:1-8

Focus Films ::

“Laborers Needed”

The Scripture ~

Framing a New Story

Sending a sheep to do a son-of-man's job

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

...but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Matthew 9.36-38, 10.6-7, & 16a

This week's Lectionary:

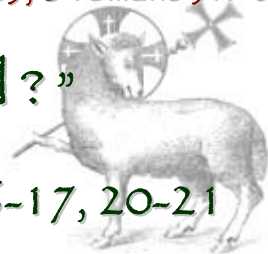
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Reflection Film ::

“Was Jesus Political?”

Benediction ::

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



[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

✚ righteous mercy?

✚ the stories we live in

✚ when worlds collide



Meditation:

1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food."

Matthew 10.1, 7-10

Reflection:

Matthew's passion for the church's mission cuts across all diversity of geography and civic location, language and racial root, philosophy and religious heritage, class and economic condition. And this is no mere superficial unity, but a true and thorough deliverance that requires confession and repentance. Yvonne V. Delk

still waters

home church studies

Psalm 116.1-2, 11-19 [Worship]

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. 16 O LORD, I am your servant. I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Consider: Jim Douglass

[Think & Pray...]

"Preach as you go saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons" —Matthew 10:7-8

Jesus' commission to the 12, whom I take as representatives of us all, is in my case a rebuke.

While I have preached that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, I have never had the faith to heal the sick, raise the dead, or cleanse any lepers. Maybe the nearest I have come to casting out demons was to pray uninvited at nuclear weapons bunkers. But again my faith was smaller than a mustard seed. The bombs, and the demonic assumptions behind them, are still there.



Jesus' command that we simply live out our faith, with God doing miracles of healing and exorcism through us, is profoundly disturbing. Jesus says plainly at the heart of the gospels that a nonviolent transformation of reality through a living faith is possible. The reign of God is truly at hand—no farther away than my hand moving this pen, or your hand holding that page. Our faith and our hands equal the means to a new reality.

The best way I have found to bridge Jesus' vision of that reality and my own shallow faith is by Gandhi's "experiments in truth"—or better, "experiments in faith." The truth in question is the faith of the gospel.

One such experiment in faith was to join friends going to Iraq during the time of sanctions, taking medicines in the hope of saving a few lives and breaking an evil law. If our faith is deep enough, totally reliant on our Loving God, anything is possible—perhaps nothing that we want. Faith exceeds calculation.

Every experiment in faith is another go at realizing what Jesus said is true.

[The Scripture]

Romans 5.1-8

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.