

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

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19456

7:00 to 9:00

Buddy's Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Sports Corner Bar, York St

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



1st Tuesday Evening

Each Month – Check with Church for Transportation Arrangements

6:00 to 8:00

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

Locations to be announced



This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

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

We helped to move Pastor Kenn Cosgrove and his family's belongings to a storage facility yesterday. They are still looking for a home, but in the interim, they will be living at the Graterford Bible Fellowship's parsonage, until a permanent place opens up for them.

Please keep Helen & Hank in your prayers. Hank has been to the hospital twice this week and is still suffering from extreme fatigue, pain and confusion,. He has also been diagnosed with emphysema and needs prayer to quit smoking. Helen is still struggling with leg problems, and the added care for Hank is wearing her out.

Merciful LORD, please watch over us as we find our place in you. Amen.

Next Week's Scriptures:

August 17, 2008 Proper 15 (Year A)

genesis 45.1-15, psalm 133,

matthew 15.10-28, & romans 11.1-2, 29-32

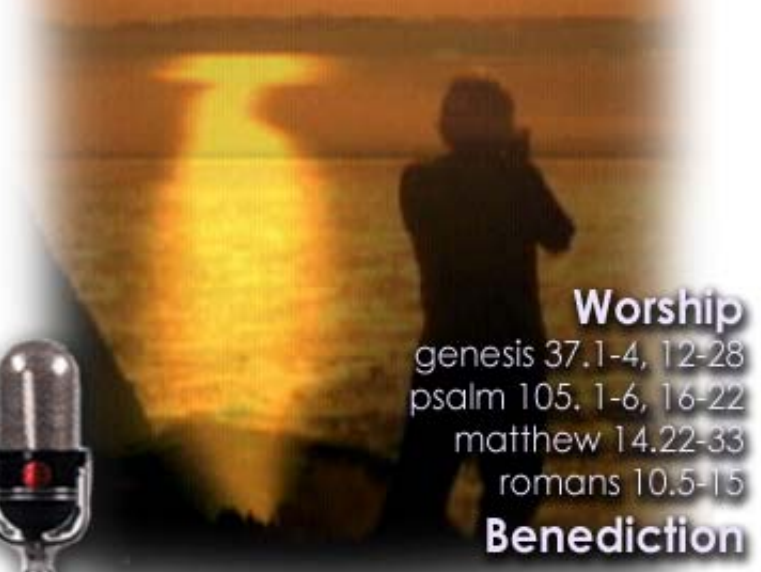
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"He restores my soul . . . surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23

August 10 :: 2008

An Angry Sea

Pilgrims of faith walking
imperfect paths



Worship

genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

psalm 105. 1-6, 16-22

matthew 14.22-33

romans 10.5-15

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22

Worship Film ::

“Unlikely Pilgrims”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Focus Film ::

“Another Storm”

The Scripture ~

An Angry Sea

Pilgrims of faith walking imperfect paths

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14.28-31

This week's Lectionary:

genesis 37.1-4, 12-28, psalm 105. 1-6, 16-22, matthew 14.22-33, & romans 10.5-15

Reflection Film ::

“Imperfect Journeys”

Benediction ::

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



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

✚ escaping the circus

✚ pathways of fear

✚ drowning in faith...

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Meditation:

... the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14.24b-27

Reflection:

We can empathize with the disciples' feeling that the whole universe seems to be one endless turbulence - but Jesus' first response to the disciples' fear is not to still the wind, but to announce his presence and tell them not to be afraid.

still waters

home church studies

Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22 [Worship]

1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

16 When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread, 17 he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. 18 His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron; 19 until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him. 20 The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. 21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions, 22 to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

Consider: [Think & Pray...]

Jesus seems nonchalant in the description of him walking on the water. He's finished praying, is ready to be with his friends in this hour just before dawn, and is just getting to them in the most convenient way—by foot.

We can empathize with the disciples if they don't react calmly. Their night has been spent buffeted by waves, the whole universe seems to be one endless turbulence. And here someone—or some spirit—approaches as though it's a still evening on a flat plain. It's not just miraculous, and terrifying, it's a touch mocking.

Jesus' first response to the disciples' fear is not to still the wind or otherwise make the situation less stressful; he simply announces his

presence and tells them not to be afraid. It is this presence in which they are to have faith, not any external change in circumstance. The disciples, we can imagine, would rather have the latter.

Peter takes a step out of fear into faith and/or foolishness—he proposes to check Jesus' identity by risking his own neck with a stroll on the waves. In a classic display of human nature, Peter asserts his belief in who Jesus is—"Lord, save me"—in the same moment that he falters because of doubt.

Even though Jesus chastises Peter for this, it seems that this moment of sinking doubt is what strips away Peter's illusions and allows him truly to see Jesus. Without this doubt would Peter and the rest, now worshipping at Jesus' feet, believe so deeply?

Julie Polter



[The Scripture]

Romans 10.5-15

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"