

**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 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 6, 2010: Proper 5 (Year C)

psalm 146, 1 kings 17.8-24,

luke 7.11-17, & galatians 1.11-24

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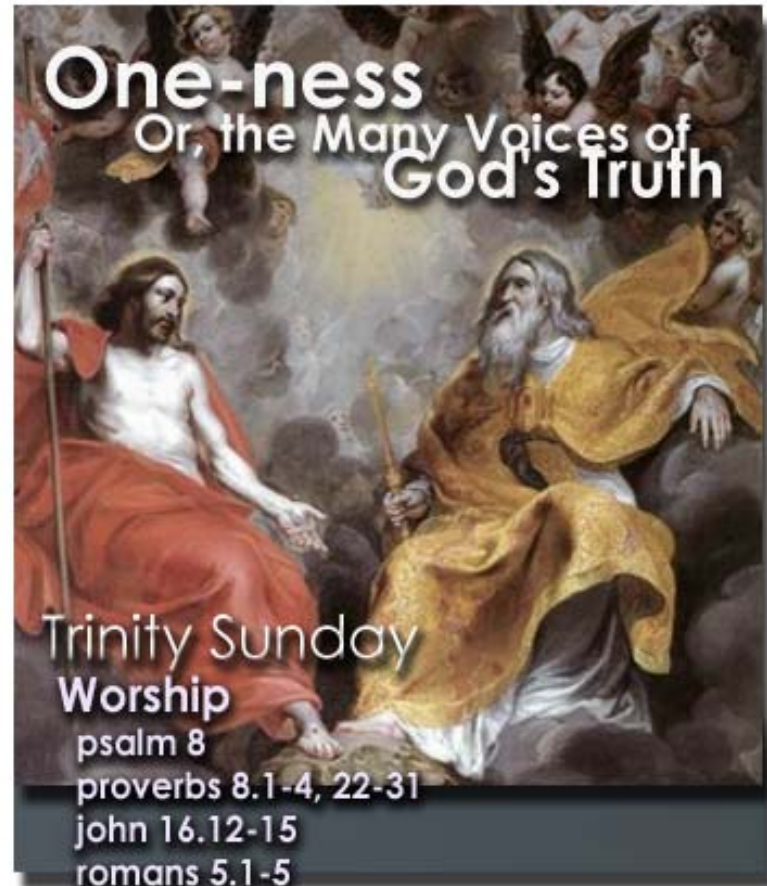
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**Benediction**

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[Service]

**Tonight...**

Scripture Reading ::

*Psalm 8*

Focus Film ::

*"Psalm 8 Perspectives"*

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

*Acts 2.1-21*

Focus Film ::

*"Our Christian Culture"*

This week's Lectionary Text:

*psalm 8, proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31,  
john 16.12-15, & romans 5.1-5*

The Scripture ~

**One-ness**  
*Or, the Many Voices of  
God's Truth*

*I still have many things to say*

to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. *John 16.12-15*

Sending Film ::

*"My Neighbor's Culture"*

Benediction ::

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

[Journaling Worship  
your talking points notes...  
for this Week's Church Discussion]  
✘ many things left to say...

✘ the things we "cannot bear"  
bragging about what?!

✘ suffering One-ness

**Meditation:**  
*Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding  
raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads  
she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the  
entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and  
my cry is to all that live." Proverbs 8.1-4*

**Reflection:**

In the context of Trinity Sunday, a day when we pay special attention to the mysteries of God's being and work in the world, taking a look at the Christian life with organic eyes allows us to revisit Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, recognizing the freedom Jesus offers us to be moved by ordinary things.

Jesus wasn't born at the top of the Empire State Building. He and his disciples didn't drive in SUVs to a state-of-the-art retreat facility in Sedona to meditate before his arrest. Jesus wasn't resurrected on a spotlight Las Vegas stage. These historical moments that continue to give our lives shape, form, and meaning happened with the scent of cow manure in the air, in a moonlit garden, and on the outskirts of town amid hand-hewn stone.

— Malinda Elizabeth Berry





# still waters

home church studies

## Psalm 8

[Worship]

1 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### Consider:

[Words]

In today's readings, God reveals the infinite mystery of God's self through the Trinity, as if to finally defy any attempt we might make to limit the scope or breadth of the One who has called us into being.

The first reading provides the first challenge of our understanding of the Holy One. Proverbs' discourse on Wisdom and Understanding introduces a feminine presence who was "the first born of his ways.... From of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the depth" (Proverbs 8:22-23). She confesses she was with God even before creation and before God created humans in God's image. For the majority of us, this terminology proves somewhat shocking and foreign to our ears. Once again we are confronted with the God who refuses to be confined to the limits of our perceptions or projections.

Our God also resists a singular identity or to be bound to a singular form of relating to us. The God who calls us to community is fundamentally a communal being, consisting of three persons. Some say this is because God, as love, spilled over into other "persons" with whom to relate in love. Thus our triune God is a never-ending being in relationship, creating and recreating in love. It is a beautiful image. It could also be, however, that God so loves us, the ones whom "You have made...little less than the angels, and crowned...with glory and honor" (Psalm 8:5), that God needed multiple ways to relate to us. God did not want to be limited to one expression of love or relationship, one dimension of caring. Instead, God is Parent/Creator, Beloved Son, and ever-present Spirit. There is no way we can avoid this God!

As beloved Abba and Son, God's love "has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). God is ever creator, the nameless one, beyond our understanding. And yet this God has devised multiple ways to invite us home, and to allow the love with which we're showered to spill over, to be given anew.

~Michaela Bruzzese

[Scripture]

## Romans 5.1-5

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.

### Question:

We are called to be "One" as God (reflected in the diversity of context, and the unity of purpose, of the Trinity. It is a truth and the manifold wisdom of God, that holds things together. Without the wisdom of God's One-ness revealed in us, people (we) are at the mercy of every competing voice and culture.

Where do you recognize the beauty of God's diversity among us, and where do you see our need to suffer even more to realize our calling to live within Jesus' dream for us? (John 17:21-23)

*Also, read for yourself this week, Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31*