

## Worship:

### Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Lutheran Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

## Home Churches:

### Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

## Announcements:

### The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

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!!

*New Home Church Series* every Tuesday evening at The Moyer's

### Recycle Your Faith

Questioning God.



We all see through a glass darkly... Our misunderstandings and questions can make us feel as though we have little, or NO, faith. God is BIG enough to answer our doubts through simplicity and honest questioning. Join us in questioning our faith.

### Your Prayer Notes:

#### Remember those prayer requests from last week and:

Please pray for; Andrew, Kerri and their grandmother who is diagnosed with terminal cancer, for a glorious and rich time preparing for her home-going; for Toni in her break-up, for Lynn—a 20 year old who is diagnosed with a tumor on the pituitary gland, for April's broken heart, and some tough family decisions, Hank and Helen Hankens. Hank has been diagnosed with stage four cancer and has tumors in his lungs, and inoperable tumors in his brain. Let's help them all we can! Please pray for Ron's health, to keep him strong; for Patrice's thyroid treatments; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Jeff, who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, for Bruce's health, for the folks staying at the shelter, that they would find love and grace during their struggle, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and keep all of us in prayer, as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us.

Please keep our church—the future of Still Waters, in prayer while trying to remain faithful to God's calling to the least around us.

### Next Week's Scriptures:

March 13, 2011: Lent 1 (Year A)

Psalm 32, Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7,  
Matthew 4.1-11, & Romans 5.12-19

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## Ministry:

### The Table

Suspended until the end of

Shelter Season in April

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

## MAIN Street Shelter

Every evening at 10:00 pm

Zion's UCC N Hanover & Chestnut Sts.

There are many volunteering opportunities.

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Changes



Worship

Psalm 99

Exodus 24.12-18

Matthew 17.1-9

2 Peter 1.16-21

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

*Psalm 99*

Worship Film ::

*"Transfigured"*

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

*Exodus 24.12-18*

Focus Films ::

*"Like a Butterfly"*

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 99, Exodus 24.12-18,  
Matthew 17.1-9, & 2 Peter 1.16-21*

The Scripture ~

*Or, **Changes**  
Creating confidence for  
Troubled Times*

The glory of the LORD

settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. **Exodus 24.16-18**

Benediction ::

*1 Thessalonians 3.11-13*

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

¥ Approaching the Mountain

¥ Holy Cow?

¥ Fear and Assurance

**Meditation:**

*For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.*

**2 Peter 1.17—19a**

**Reflection:**

The transfiguration is a moment of eschatological vision – an immensely political breakthrough moment when the barrier between the cosmic and earthly realms has been rent open.

The story of the Transfiguration doesn't end with the mountaintop experience of Peter, James, and John; they, and we, are left looking forward to a time when the whole world will experience that vision.



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## Psalm 99

[Worship]

1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! 2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! 4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. 8 O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. 9 Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

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### Consider:

[Words]

These texts witness to the overwhelming reality of God who refuses all of our explanatory categories and who meets us in awesome inscrutability. The Old Testament texts appeal to the two defining traditions of Israel's faith. The Exodus reading concerns the holy mountain (Sinai) where Moses is permitted to rendezvous with God, a tradition that evidences God's majesty, rule, and effective governance in the world.

The reading in 2 Peter brings this together with the Davidic tradition of the Psalms (Psalm 2 designates David as God's "son" who will be God's governing agent in the world). In verse 18 there is an appeal to the Mount of Transfiguration from the gospel reading, behind which is the experience of Moses in the cloud of Mt. Sinai. In verse 17, the Davidic designation of the psalm is reiterated with reference to Jesus.

Both Sinai and David are drawn to the wondrous authority of Jesus. These claims for the tradition are framed in verses 16 and 20 by reference to "cleverly devised myths" and "one's own interpretation."

The church faces the temptation of going astray, either by available ideologies or by subjective private reading. The church, in its interpretation and testimony, is under the Spirit's authority and cannot have the gospel on its own willful terms.

Mathew's gospel narrative exhibits Jesus as the one who commands and assuages fearfulness among his disciples. In the end it is "Jesus himself alone" who matters (Matthew 17:8). It is enough to have the rule of Christ "as a lamp shining in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19).

– Walter Bruggemann

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[Scripture]

## Matthew 17.1-9

1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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