

Some much-needed LOVE ... on a humble Sunday  
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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30  
Sunday School & Breakfast Club, 9:45 Adult Choir, 9:30  
TODAY IS ----- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2009

**Worship here is a time of joy, music, fun, and quiet reflection.**

*We hope your soul is nourished by being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church, but when they are noisy & disruptive, we ask you to respect the quiet & dignity of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under, and our highly paid and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all ---- welcome to our "humble temple" ... and help yourself to our award-winning coffee, awaiting you in Charter Hall.*

*welcome ... maybe an announcement ... and – call to worship.*

***opening prayer***

She loves me ... even when I fail, Lord. Amazing. Unexpected, perhaps? --- I guess not. Love --- at least your kind of love --- is so unconditional ... without qualification. It's just THERE. I'm afraid of failure, Lord. Afraid of being a disappointment, afraid of falling short, afraid of being "too human."

Help me never-ever to rejoice or to take any kind of "smug-satisfaction" in the failure of someone else. I know ---- we sometimes take a kind-of twisted delight in the shortcomings & failures of others.

It's that very unattractive "I told you so" mentality.

Can you help me stay away from this?

Can you help me ---- to stay positive, about myself and others. To be affirming of the goodness-of-spirit in others ... who may be different ... but whose desire to make the world better is sincere.

*Help us come together.*

*Help us work together.*

*Nudge us ---- to share the unselfish spirit of your son.*  
I don't want to fail, Lord ... but I also don't want to be afraid of failure.

I want success to be a shared success.

I want to rejoice in success --- not just for myself, but also for all my brothers and sisters ---- amen.

opening song

"Love divine, all loves excelling" 315

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

\*Psalm 23 \*1 Corinthians 13

\*interlude \*Gospel --- John 14. 15 – 21 (please rise)

"will my younger friends come forward?" ... kids' time

song

"Help us accept each other" 56 (spirit)

mediation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

*Choir anthem --- "Somewhere out there" 11:00*

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

*\*Music with Gerry & Mike*

*"alleluia, he's my savior alleluia"*

closing song

"The gift of love" 25 (spirit)

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

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**The altar flowers today are a gift from one of our members --- celebrating 15 years being free of addiction.**  
*To you ... for your courage and "humble surrender" ... we rejoice.*

**The eternal light shines today ... in honor Gerry Dignan ...**

for his gift of music. Thanks to you and your wife Denise for being here today. Gerry's CD's are available for purchase ... also, he invites us to an evening of Irish music and story-telling ... here at the church ... on Saturday, March 7.

**A FEW VARIED MUSINGS IN THE HUMBLE TEMPLE**

*\*YOUTH GROUP BOWLING TODAY ... leaving after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.*

*Breakfast club --- "Uncle Wayne" is cooking in the kitchen.*

*\*Tuesday --- Program Committee, 6:30 (new folks are welcome to come and share ideas) ... Church Council at 7:30.*

*\*Thursday ---- evening worship, 7:30*

**LENT IS SOON HERE.**

*\*Ash Wednesday worship, Feb. 25 --- Noon and 7:30*

*\*Lenten worship every Thursday during Lent ... along with suppers at 6:30 ... please rsvp for the suppers.*

*\*First Communion class for kids 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up ... at noon on Palm Sunday, April 5 ---- please sign-up soon!*

**YOU GOTTA LOVE SPAGHETTI**

*Our fund-raising dinner is Sat., Feb. 28, 6:00 --- please buy tickets now ... no sales at the door. We are in need of auction items ... especially good and "fun" stuff.*

**AND ... YOU GOTTA LOVE MUSIC**

*Our festival-of-music, raising awareness and money for our music scholarship program ... is Sunday, March 22. Sunday School & Youth group kids can sign-up to sing with "Miss Kathy" ... kids and adults are welcome to perform!! ... sign-up in narthex.*

**3-on-3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY ...** *for boys and girls ... grade 6 through high school ... Sundays, March 29 (preliminary & practice) ... and April 5 (the real deal!). Guidelines and registration in the narthex ... t-shirts, food, and "lots of love."*

**our humble yet festive staff**

*Debbie Facius & Kathy Janik, office administrators*

*Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Kathy Klang, comptroller*

*Mike Hefter, organist Craig Nelson, pastoral support*

*Mark Nussle, choir director Linda McAley, custodian*