

## Endings & Beginnings --- "the circle of life"

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Worship 8:30 & 10 Thursday evenings 7:30

HAPPY DAD'S DAY TO ALL

Sunday, June 20, 2010

### Worship at All Saints is a time of reckless love & quiet reflection.

*We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and restless ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the quiet and dignity --- both of your neighbor and our worship experience. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid, over-achieving, and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce your self to the attendant. Most of all ---- welcome to our church. Help yourself to coffee and/or hot water for tea in Charter Hall.*

Welcome, with an announcement or two

### OPENING PRAYER

"Endings" make me sad ... sometimes.

A friendship ... a relationship ... a vacation ... a life ... even the garage sale.

I know, Lord ... in life ... well it can be a cycle of "beginnings and endings."

It's the "circle of life" you give to us ... the "circle" we are called to live in ... and ----- parts of it are hard.

Some of the tough stuff in life ... I'm glad it ends.

The pain, the uncertainty ... often, endings can be a gift.

I think of your son ... his life ending ... then something new begins ----- YOUR

SPIRIT, YOUR GOODNESS, YOUR HEALING ... it's like a whole new dimension to living opens up.

O, gentle and loving Lord ..... help me live with & learn to accept the "endings" in my life. Some of them expected. Others not.

Many painful. Some ----- the beginning of new discoveries.

I'm grateful this morning for the "moment of now."

Simple miracles. Common happenings.  
All those intersections ... where my spirit meets yours.

Thanks, Lord ---- amen.

opening song

"This is my Father's world"

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

"will my younger friends come forward?"

kids' time

song

"Blessed be the God of Israel" 725 (blue)

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

*Communion songs from spirit book --- 7, 14, 46, 82*

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

closing song

"Abide with me" 272

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

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The altar flowers today are in loving memory of GLADYS GUNNERSON ... *for whom the garage sale and her church were such a passion. We miss you!@!! ... and we did our best to keep your spirit and commitment alive this weekend.*

REMEMBER ---- Next Sunday, June 27 ... usual schedule, 8:30 & 10.  
Sunday, July 4 --- one service at 9:30 ... "celebrating America."

## **THE ETERNAL LIGHT SHINES BRIGHTLY ...**

\*from Alan & Debbie Facius, in honor of their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
\*from the Kuzel family ... in loving memory of Laura Kuzel, and in honor of  
Frank's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

THANKS FOR SHARING THE GIFT OF LIGHT.

### **A FEW HUMBLE HAPPENINGS**

\*\*Leaving for confirmation camp ... today at 2:00

FUN-FEST FOR OUR FRIENDS FROM ST. COLETTA'S

5:30 on Tuesday ... please sign-up if you are coming. Remember ---- desserts and  
side-dishes always welcome!!

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU ... FOR YOUR DONATIONS – big and small –  
to raise money from our GARAGE SALE. SO MANY OF YOU HELPED**  
to make it possible. All God's children ... all God's treasures.

GRADUATING SENIORS ... LAST CALL to get your  
scholarship applications in.

### **THE NEXT BIG EVENT IS OUR ANNUAL STEAK FRY ...**

a great adult evening, sponsored by our men's club. It's a rich combination of a  
"small town ho-down" ... with great food, drink, and music ... and a very touching  
moment ----- where we honor those who have "gone before" because of their battle  
with cancer ... and those who are still living with cancer and are cancer survivors.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE ... still only \$20. Also, a sheet where you can put  
someone's name whom you would like mentioned during  
our honoring-and-remembrance ceremony.

### **YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO THE "SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION"**

**Sunday, June 27 ... leaving about noon.**

You are welcome to bring friends.

**We would like to place another brick order this summer. Forms are on the  
sign-up table.**

Take a few moments and visit our new memorial area ... and our area in  
honor of our military service men and women.

#### **our humble and festive staff**

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Kathy Klang, comptroller Mike Hefter, organist

Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Linda McAley, custodian

Craig Nelson, pastoral support Mark Nussle, choir director

Kathy Ruitter, Sunday School Superintendent