

Children's sermon: March 1, 2009

"The spirit of DREW"

What a beeeeeootiful song ----- "Now and Forever" by Carole King.
Remembering ... the moments ... this is what life is all about.

Drew's family ... like many of us ... feels it, too.

This "little egg" is Drew. When Drew was born 5 months ago ... well, her parents and grandparents ---- they knew everything wasn't right, or the way we would like it to be. Drew was able to go home for a while ... but she spent a lot of time trying to get "better" in the hospital.

Drew is too young to talk ... yet, to those who love her ---- they hear her voice.
Drew would always say: "I may not be here for very long ... but when I leave you ... I will be with you forever." Now and forever????

"Drew, what do you mean???" ... her family would ask.
Drew kind-of looked at everyone ... and smiled.

Drew died this week. Some of you were at her funeral yesterday.

A day goes by.
A week.
A bit more time.

Two of the best "eggs" a kid could have ... Drew's parents ... Gail and Andy ...
they are taking a walk. They miss their baby Drew.
They hear a kind of "rattling" inside their souls.
Gail, do you hear it?
Andy, I do!!

And so they stop for a moment.
They look inside their souls. Let's look with them.
It's Drew.
She is there ----- INSIDE!!
She's whole.
She's colorful.
She is beautiful ... like she always was!!

I bet there is someone you miss today.
A five-month old child. An elderly neighbor. Your grandpa. A friend.
Listen to your soul ... look inside your heart.
They are there. It's God's gift.

For each of you ---- an egg.
Look inside ... it's amazing what our soul can hold.

(In loving memory of Drew Lynette Mickelson)