

Readings  
Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Today's first reading is John 3:6-17 as translated by The Religion-Free Bible:**

“Love gives. Love is what brought me into this world. I am a gift, offered in love. Love desires your freedom. Love desires your wholeness. Love wants you to know yourself as complete. Love wants you to be at peace. My life was an invitation to this freedom, wholeness, peace and love. But my invitation is a choice. You have also been fed a lie about yourself that will ultimately destroy you. The lie says you are bad and worthless, irreparably flawed, defective and unacceptable, and undeserving of love and acceptance, even from God. I'm here to say that's not true, and I'm asking you to believe me. Even when everything in your head or everything in your life seems to be evidence of the lie, I'm asking that you believe me instead. I'm going to be gone soon, and I need you to get this because I need your life to be that invitation as mine was. You are as much a gift to the world as I am, and I want you to accept and own that for yourself. Love never stopped giving. Love keeps birthing new expressions of the truth to awaken those lost in the lie. First, you have to wake up yourself and then your life naturally becomes the smelling salts this world needs.”

**Today's second reading is an excerpt from the song,  
“All You Need is Love,” from the Beatles:**

There's nothing you can do that can't be done  
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung  
Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game  
It's easy

There's nothing you can make that can't be made  
No one you can save that can't be saved  
Nothing you can do but you can learn to be you in time  
It's easy  
All you need is love  
Love is all you need  
There's nothing you can know that isn't known  
Nothing you can see that isn't shown  
There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be  
It's easy  
All you need is Love  
Love is all you need