

SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Summers

The Bible's Greatest Hits
Part 5: Love in I Corinthians 13

* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384

INTERFAITH ANNOUNCEMENT

Azra Hussain, Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona (ISBA)

* BENEDICTION

Leader: May the power of God preserve you.

People: May the wisdom of God instruct us.

Leader: May the hand of God protect you always.

People: May the way of God direct and lead us.

Leader: May the shield of God defend you.

All: May we walk always in the way of Christ.

(from St. Patrick)

* POSTLUDE

Today's theme verse:
I Corinthians 13:13

Today's Servants

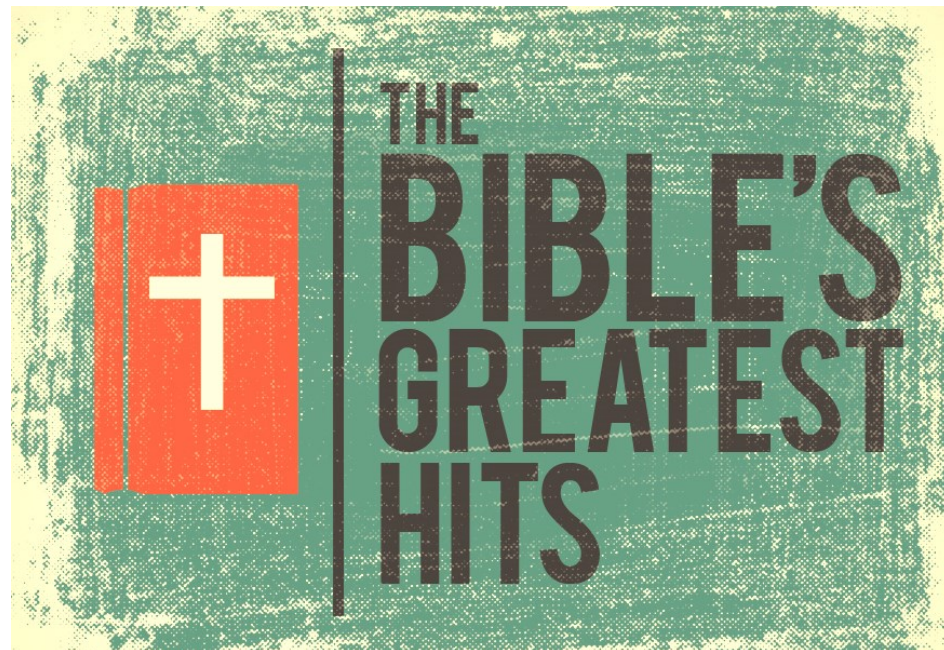
USHERS: William Hatcher, Madysin Hewitt, Clint Miller, John Nichols

READER: Debbie Doran

AUDIO: Jim DeBusk

VIDEO: Kim Summers

Worship Celebration
August 30, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.



Our Mission:
*Alive with the Spirit,
we bring God's love into action
by igniting faith, transforming lives,
and creating community.*



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God's Love in Action™

MEDITATION

"Love is our true destiny.... We do not discover the secret of our lives merely by study and calculation in our own isolated meditations. The meaning of our life is a secret that has to be revealed to us in love..." ~Thomas Merton

HYMN SING

Tommy Strawser, Dr. Andria Fennig

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, listen to the story

People: of God's love and grace.

Leader: Come, tell the story

People: of Jesus' life and saving work.

Leader: Come, join the story

People: of the spirit's renewing power.

Leader: Come to know and live the power of God's redeeming love for all.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us* Hymnal No. 100

* **OPENING PRAYER** (in unison) Rev. Eve Williams

**Faithful God, in places of darkness and light,
you make yourself known.**

**Come now to our lives and this sacred place,
that it might be filled with your light.**

**Reveal yourself to us once again,
that we might know and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* **MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

* **HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP** *Love Lifted Me* (see screen)

*When you see an * in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Gracious and loving God, you call us to bear one another's burdens,
sharing our gifts and treasure.**

Forgive us when we cling to what we have and call them "ours."

Help us to be signs of your grace for one another.

**When our life together feels mundane,
renew our excitement at serving one another.**

**Help us to marvel in the power of your Spirit,
which makes our transformation possible.**

**We know we can be changed this day, O God,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)

ANTHEM

Hear Our Prayer

Tanya Riches

Rev. Eve Williams, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Einsame Blumen

Robert Schumann

* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *The Gift of Love* No. 408

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg. 175 N.T., Pew Bible)

Leader: God's Word for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.