

**SERMON**

Rev. Andrea Address

The Bible's Greatest Hits  
*Part 3: God So Loved the World*

**Worship Celebration**  
August 16, 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

\* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Lift High the Cross* No. 159

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE** *Toccata in Seven* John Rutter

**Today's theme verse:**

John 3:16

**Next Sunday:**

John 13:34

**Sermon Notes**

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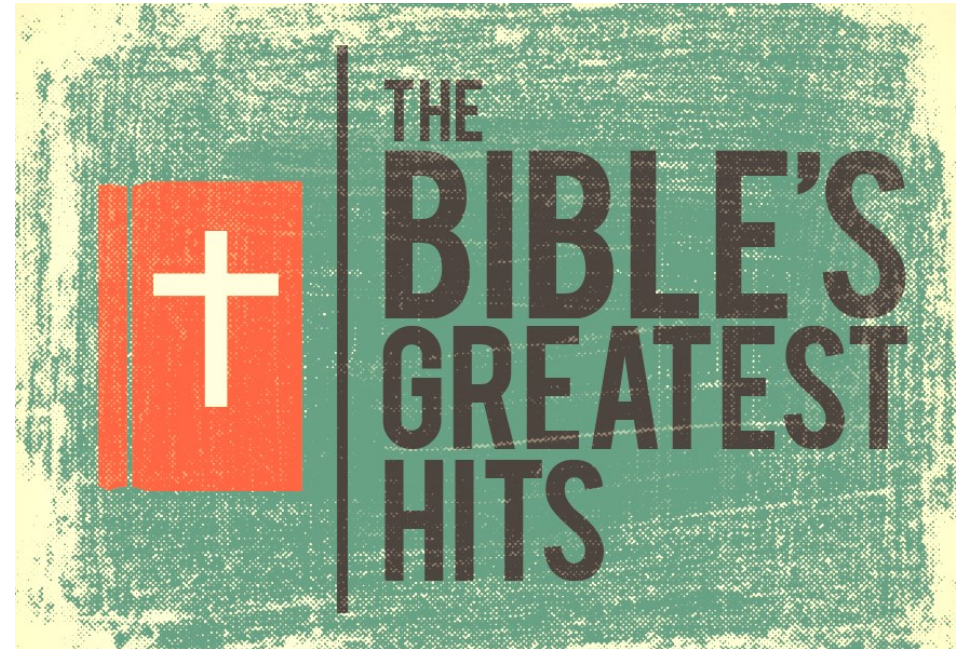
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**Our Mission:**  
*Alive with the Spirit,  
we bring God's love into action  
by igniting faith, transforming lives,  
and creating community.*

**Today's Servants**

**USHERS:** Frank Adams, Jim Bateman, Don Brandenburg, Greg Eagleburger,  
Bill Howard, Crystal Rimsza, Don Wall

**READER:** David Lex      **AUDIO:** Jim DeBusk

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*God's Love in Action™*

## MEDITATION

As the word of God is planted in our hearts,  
may we be receptive to the word.

As the love of God rains down on us,  
may our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.

As the breath of God blows softly in and through us,  
may our minds be stirred by the power of God's spirit.

~ Katherine Hawker

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Andrea Andress

## PRELUDE

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

arr. Mark Hayes  
Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish and the people.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: In success and failure, in sickness and health,  
in mediocrity and extraordinary.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us,  
enough to offer new life for us.**

Leader: For God so loved the world;

**People: Let us worship God!**

~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on her  
**Liturgies Outside** website. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE *To God Be the Glory*

Hymnal No. 98

*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.*

## \* OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Rev. Doug Norris

**As the sun rose this morning and as it will set when the day is done,  
help us recognize your presence with us, O God of the Universe.**

**As we interact with one another, those we know and  
those we simply nod to on our way along the path,  
we acknowledge your presence with us, O God of love.**

**As we dream of what will be and remember what has been,  
let us live the life we have now in this moment,  
O God of eternal presence.**

**Great is your mercy, O God.**

## BIBLE PRESENTATION TO 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS

Rev. Brenda Smith

## \* MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### \* HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP *Blessed Assurance* vs. 1&3

No. 369

*(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)*

## ANTHEM

*What a Savior*

Laura Story

Madeline Marquardt, soloist

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

arr. Hayes

Dr. Ashley Snavley, piano; Mickey Price, drums

### \* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 95

### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

## \* HYMN OF PREPARATION *Because He Lives*

No. 364

## SCRIPTURE

*John 3:16-21 (pg. 94 N.T., Pew Bible)*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**