

We gathered in fellowship on this sunny and clear winter afternoon to give glory to God and to share Christ's love. Joyce and Pat announced that Calvary's Rejoicing Spirits was able to donate six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to Haiti's earthquake recovery through Lutheran World Relief, and later Pastor Krewson led rejoicers in giving themselves a spirited round of applause for this gift. He noted that helping others is a wonderful way to show love.

As we **sang** -

- As we sang of our faith and raised our voices in praise, Mariann's piano playing, the soft sound of Jim's guitar, and all the rejoicers' accompanying rhythm instruments provided a lively beat for our voices.
- We heard that "My God is So Great."
- We affirmed that we need to "Trust in the Lord," for he will make our paths straight.
- We echoed that God's love for us is "Higher than the Mountains."
- We lifted the name of the Lord on high.
- We reminded ourselves that we are all created equal; "Together in One Spirit" we belong, rejoicing in one song.

As we **read** -

- Samantha read our new commandment from [John 13:34](#) that we should love one another, just as Jesus has loved us.
- Laurie read from [1 John 4:10](#) about God's deep love for us. Because of this love, he sent his only Son to die for us to take away our sins.
- Laurie also read the blessing from [2 John 1:3](#), where God is asked to send his peace to those of us who live in truth and love.

As we **prayed** -

- Rejoicers and guests who had individual prayer requests for intercession and prayers of thanksgiving offered these to the Lord. "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."
- Fred led us in the Lord's Prayer.

As the **service ended** -

- Both Fred and Samantha provided the dismissal. "Go in peace. Serve the Lord."

As we **shared** -

- We sang happy birthday to those celebrating in February, including Ben, T.J.'s father, Dottie, and Rex's two younger sisters, Gwen and Anne. Ben is twenty-four years old this month!
- Many thanks to Pastor Krewson for his creative message. From coats to boxes, from drawings to aprons, there are many ways to show love and to know that we are loved.
- We missed Kevin, our excellent drum player, due to another commitment today about which he had told us. We look forward to seeing you back next month, Kevin.
- We look forward to welcoming special guests who will be traveling from Harrisburg in April.
- We had refreshments after the service, thanks to our cookie bakers and those who set up and take down for our time of warm fellowship.

