

*Did I offer peace today and bring a smile to someone's face?
Did I say words of healing, letting go of my anger and resentment?
Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions.*
-paraphrase of Henri Nouwen

There was a note addressed to "Dear New Year's Resolution." It went on to say, "Well, it was fun while it lasted. Sincerely, January 2nd." A humorous nod to our tendency to set and then fail to live up to our lofty and often unrealistic ambitions.

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we rejoice that Christ is risen and that we have been given the priceless gift of salvation. But even as we recognize that we are called to love one another and live in Christian fellowship, sometimes it just doesn't seem to work out. This morning, Pastor Doug's message, "Only Human," takes a look at the expectations we have for ourselves and for others as we strive to live in community. He will explore the three basic principles we need to understand in order to develop expectations that are realistic and biblical. Then together we will proclaim,

*You made us for much more than this: awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are your church...!*

Hallelujah!

Organ Prelude: *This Joyful Eastertide* J. Bender

Welcome and Call to Worship

***Hymn of Celebration:** *This Joyful Eastertide* R. Woodward, et al

***Prayer of Praise**

Choral Joy: *I Sing Because I'm Happy* arr. R. Dilworth

I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Prayer of Assurance and Intercession

Bereavement

For Debbie Costello and family in the death of her mother, Kathleen Crain.

Word in Action: *David and Sarah T., serving in Central Asia*

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4, 16-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Message for Living: *"Only Human"* Dr. Doug Rumford, Lead Pastor
Community Alive! How to Make Life-Giving Connections #4 (see Sermon Notes on back)

Prayer of Confession, Forgiveness and Re-Dedication to Showing Jesus' Unwavering Love

Community Life Together

***Congregational Song of the Church:** *Build Your Kingdom Here* C. Llewellyn

***Closing Words, Charge and Benediction**

Organ Postlude: *Postlude on "Build Your Kingdom Here"* F. Johnston



"ONLY HUMAN"
Corinthians 3:1-4, 16-23

Doug Rumford

SERMON NOTES

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1. Those with realistic expectations take seriously God's assessment of the human condition.
(1 Corinthians 3:1-4; Romans 3:23; Jeremiah 17:9; John 2:23-25)
2. Those with realistic expectations appreciate the priceless value of each believer as the temple of the Holy Spirit.
(1 Corinthians 3:16)
3. Those with realistic expectations demonstrate a mature and forgiving spirit toward themselves and others for the disappointments and failures that are part of life in community (1 Corinthians 13:1-8; Ephesians 4:30-32).
4. Application: Those who create life-giving community keep their eyes open to the reality of human nature and their hearts open to showing Jesus' unwavering love.

For sermon reflection questions to use in small groups or personal study, visit (trinityconnection.com/small-groups)

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