



Worship Guide April 11-June 27  
"According to Jesus, Love is ..."  
and "Jesus & Love in  
the Ten Commandments"

**April 11-May 2: "According to Jesus, Love is ..."**  
According to Jesus, living in love is a challenge that invites us to reach deeply into ourselves and then into the world. It includes things like loving God and neighbor more than anything, loving our enemies, loving God more than money or things, and being willing to lay down our lives for God's love to be known among our friends and into the world.

Sunday, April 11, 2021

**"Chosen to Love One Another"**

John 12:25; John 13:34-35; John 15:12-17

Jesus talks about a love that goes beyond ourselves, shown by him to his followers. Because of this love, we can wash the feet of another, give up our lives, and call one another friends. In fact, Jesus gives a new commandment to "love one another."

Sunday, April 18, 2021

**"Love Your Enemies"**

Matthew 5:43-46 and Luke 6:27-35

Jesus says it is easy to love those who love us. His followers are challenged to go beyond that, to love of enemies.

Sunday, April 25, 2021

**"The Greatest Commandment of All"**

Mark 12:30-37

In Jesus' day, faithful Jews were to work to keep hundreds of commandments. Jesus simplifies and deepens the command to his followers and makes it clear the greatest commandment of all – to love God and neighbor.

Sunday, May 2, 2021

***“Letting Go”***

Mark 10:17-32; Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13

In these passages Jesus tells his followers we cannot be devoted to both worldly wealth and possessions and also be devoted fully to God. One of those must be let go; which will it be?

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**May 9-June 27: “Jesus and Love in the Ten Commandments”**

On May 9, we begin a long series (8 weeks) that connects the life and love of Jesus with the Ten Commandments, given to Jesus’ ancestors long ago and to us today. This series draws from the book, “Words of Life: Jesus & the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today,” by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Pentecost falls in the middle of this series (May 23) with a focus that day on “The Joy of Sabbath.”

Sunday, May 9, 2021

***“At the Center of It All”***

The First and Second Commandments:

Exodus 20:1-5; Isaiah 40:25-26b, 28-31;

Matthew 6:33

Central to all the commandments and to the life of Jesus is putting love of God first and setting aside any “idols” that keep us from doing that.

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Sunday, May 16, 2021

***“The Power of Words”***

The Third and Ninth Commandments:

Exodus 20:7, 16; John 7:14-18; Matthew 5:13-16

Two commandments are combined here – to not take God’s name in vain and to not bear false witness against another. Both emphasize the power of words to hurt or heal.

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Sunday, May 23, 2021

***PENTECOST – “The Joy of Sabbath”***

The Fourth Commandment:

Exodus 20:8-11; Selections from Acts 2

How is the Holy Spirit poured out upon our lives when we choose to faithfully keep the Sabbath?

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Sunday, May 30, 2021  
**“A Question of Honor”**  
The Fifth Commandment:  
Exodus 20:12; John 2:1-12

In a dramatic and yet subtle fashion, Jesus shows honor to his mother, illustrating a way to keep this fifth commandment.

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Sunday, June 6, 2021  
**“The Tragedy of Violence, the Beauty of Mercy”**  
The Sixth Commandment:  
Exodus 20:13; Isaiah 2, 4; Micah 4:3; Isaiah 11:6-7, 9  
Matthew 5:21-22

The Sixth Commandment is, “Thou shalt not kill.” We’ll consider how violence is destructive to ourselves and others, and to our life together, and how mercy heals and brings new life.

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Sunday, June 13, 2021  
**“Faithfulness”**  
The Seventh Commandment:  
Exodus 10:14; Jeremiah 5:7; Matthew 5:27-30; John 8

The Seventh Commandment is, “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” The encouragement here is to consider faithfulness, including honesty and integrity, in all types of relationships.

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Sunday, June 20, 2021  
**“Respecting One Another”**  
The Eighth Commandment:  
Exodus 20:15

The Eighth Commandment is, “Thou shalt not steal.” Reflections on this will focus on how respect for others would cause us to refrain from stealing and have an attitude of generosity.

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Sunday, June 27, 2021  
***“Keeping Up With ...”***  
The Tenth Commandment:  
Exodus 20:17; Isaiah 55:6-7, 12

The Tenth Commandment is: “Thou shalt not covet.”  
When we long deeply for what others have, we can either  
cause resentment and frustration in ourselves and our  
relationships, or we can turn toward contentment and  
kindness.

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