



Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength
(Mark 12:30)

In Mark 12, a scribe comes to ask Jesus, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answers, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength’” (Mark 12:28-30). Jesus responds to the scribe’s question with words from the Shema, the passage from Deuteronomy 6 that is recited daily by many of the Jewish faith. These words form a covenant between God and God’s people and show us a way to respond to this God who so extravagantly loves us through the cross.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday Worship	Soup and Bread Supper in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm
Sunday Worship	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday School at 9:45 am Adult Education at 10 am

Wednesday Worship

Our response to the covenant God makes with us is to love God with our whole beings. Through our weekly mid-week worship, we’ll explore and experience what it looks like to embody our love for God (with tangible take-aways to continue your Lenten practice at home!).

February 14: Ash Wednesday - Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 pm.

February 21: You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Heart *John 12:37-43*
True obedience and understanding come from the heart. How can we respond to God’s love from the depths of our hearts?

February 28: You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Soul *Psalms 42*
Our souls thirst for the living God. When trouble comes and faith wavers, in whom do we place our hope?

March 7: You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Mind *1 Kings 3:3-15*
Solomon prayed to God for an understanding mind, able to discern good from evil. How can we use our minds to walk in faithfulness to Christ?

March 14: You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Strength *Isaiah 40:28-31*
Christ took upon himself the weakness of the cross to triumph in strength over the grave. Truly, God is our strength and our salvation.

March 21: Hear, O Israel *Mark 12:28-34*
The encounter between Jesus and the scribe still resonates today. How would we have responded to the scribe’s question? Does the covenant with God truly form the bedrock of our own lives?

Adult Education (Sundays at 10am)

Each week presents an opportunity to gather for conversation around how God is actively healing our broken lives and world. Themes include the brokenness of creation (2/18), body (2/25), relationships (3/4), abundance (3/11), and commitment (3/18). Some weeks will include shared conversation with our high school youth and/or guest speakers. Watch the Star for further details!

Sunday Worship

Throughout the Sundays of Lent this year, we will hear about God's persistence in loving us with the covenants God establishes through Noah, Abraham, the Ten Commandments, Moses, and ultimately the new covenant in Christ.

February 18: Covenant with Noah

Genesis 9:8-17

Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. God gives a rainbow as a sign of the covenant between God and the earth, promising never again to destroy all living things with a flood.

February 25: Covenant with Abraham

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah, promising this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb.

March 4: The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

God teaches the Israelites how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

March 11: Promise for Life

Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

March 18: New Covenant in Christ

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

Holy Week/Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25: *Mark 14:1 – 15:47* – The passion and death of Jesus

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Sunday School at 9:45 am; Adult Education at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 29:

Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 30:

Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1: Alleluia, Christ is Risen! *Mark 16:1-8* - The Resurrection of Our Lord

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 am; No Sunday School or Adult Education

Pancake Breakfast hosted by the LYO at 9:30 am

All donations go toward funding the LYO summer trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston.