

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES:  
YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD**

*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.*

**OVERVIEW:**

**Week of Lent 1: Hear, O Israel**

*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?*

**Week of Lent 2: You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Heart**

*True obedience and understanding come from the heart. How can we respond to God’s love from the depths of our hearts?*

**Week of Lent 3: You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Soul**

*Our souls thirst for the living God. When trouble comes and faith wavers, in whom do we place our hope?*

**Week of Lent 4: You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Mind**

*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?*

**Week of Lent 5: You Shall Love the Lord Your God with All Your Strength**

*Christ took upon himself the weakness of the cross to triumph in strength over the grave. Truly, God is our strength and our salvation.*