### Scriptures, Titles, and Word(s) to Ponder April 27 – Sept 28, 2025

For the next 4 months and a bit, we're going to explore in greater depth in the context of our times the **9 Teachings of the Apostles** that we sing near the end of the worship service every Sunday morning. We've taken them from Paul's letter to the Galatians, commonly seen in the church as a manifesto of Christian freedom – freedom to live according to these values/virtues as they are integrated into the privilege and responsibility of being ambassadors of our Creator's forgiving and reconciling love in all our networks. The passage, in the New Revised Standard Version that we use as our pew bibles at Brentwood, is Galatians 5:22b-23a – "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

At Brentwood, we have translated "self-control" as "self-composure," another connotation of the Greek word *enkrateia* that Paul uses. That translation conveys both the privilege and responsibility of composing our lives to embody these qualities of contributing to the earth's well-being.

Integrated into our daily lives in all of our networks, the fruit of these teaching is a posture of blessing offered through forgiving and reconciling love. Alan Roxburgh and Roy Searle emphasize the importance of posture in their recent book, *Forming Communities of Hope in the Great Unraveling* (Cascade Books, 2025). They see posture as "a particular way of dealing with or considering something; an approach or attitude." (p.84) We seek to mature as a community and as contributors to the welfare of our world by living this posture.

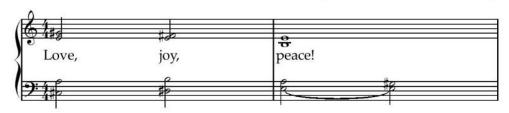
It is our prayer that these conversations will provide the space to reformulate our posture as a congregation and as contributors to that congregation's missioning.

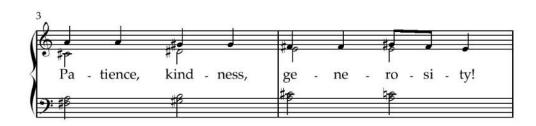


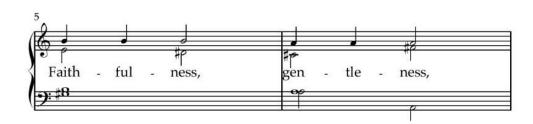
This is the music for the song we sing near the end of every service on Sunday mornings at Brentwood. Feel free to use in any way you can imagine.

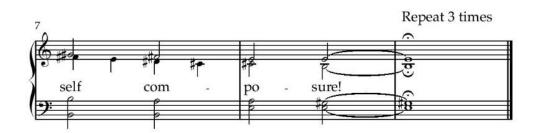
### 9 Teachings of the Apostles

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Apr 27, 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter

**Sherwin Xie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 103 – Refrain #1

God is giving and forgiving, every blessing, ever blessed

**Galatians 5:13-25** 

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

# 625 - Seek ye first the kingdom of God

# 634 – Will you come and follow me

# 694 – May the mind of Christ my Saviour

**Sermon Title Considering the 9 Teachings of the Apostles** 

**Word to Ponder** Values

May 4, 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter - Communion

**Lynn Dookie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 23 – Refrain #1

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

#528 Jesus call us here to meet him

#534 All who hunger, gather gladly

#557 Shout for joy!

**Sermon Title Love: Initial Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Love

May 11, 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter – Mothers' Day

**Ryan Clarke reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 23 – Refrain #1

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

#815 New every morning is the love

#371 Love divine, all love excelling

#704 Teach me, Lord, to wonder

**Sermon Title Love: Further Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Mothering

# May 18, 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter Ben MacCrae preaching

**Kayla Green reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 46 – Refrain #2

Be still and know that I am God

Matthew 28:16-20

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

#634 Will you come and follow me

**#587** Called as partners in Christ's service

#590 We have this ministry

Sermon Title The Great co-Mission

Word to Ponder Ministry

May 25, 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

**Sherwin Xie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 98 – Refrain #1

New songs of celebration render to God who has great wonders done.

John 15:1-11

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

#63 – O sing a new song to the Lord

#655 - Give me oil in my lamp

#410 - Joyful, joyful we adore you

**Sermon Title Joy – Initial Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Joy

June 1, 2025 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter – Holy Communion

**Lynn Dookie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 98 – Refrain #1

New songs of celebration render to God who has great wonders done.

John 15:1-11

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 - v3

#528 – Jesus calls us here to meet him

#534 - All who hunger, gather gladly

#557 - Shout for joy!

**Sermon Title Joy – Further Considerations** 

**Word to Ponder** Joy

## June 8, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday Dialogue Sermon with Phil on GA

**Ryan Clarke reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 104:24-34 – Refrain #1

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew all creation

Acts 2:1-21

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 - v3

**#531 Draw us in the Spirit's tether** 

#399 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

#740 Make me a channel of your peace

Sermon Title A Spirited General Assembly

Word to Ponder Revitalizing

June 15, 2025 – Trinity Sunday

**Kayla Green reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 34 – Refrain #1

Taste and see that God is good;

blessed are those who trust the Lord.

John 14:25-31

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

#732 – O day of peace that dimly shines

#727 - Let there be light

#726 – May the God of hope go with us every day

**Sermon Title Peace – Initial Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Peace

June 22, 2025 - Proper 7

**Kayla Green reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 34 – Refrain #1

Taste and see that God is good; blessed are those who trust the Lord.

John 14:25-31

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

**#736** For the healing of the nations

#386 Come down O Love divine

#737 Dona nobis pacem

**Sermon Title** Peace – Further Considerations

Word to Ponder Peace

June 29, 2025 - Proper 8

**Sherwin Xie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 37:1-11 - Refrain #1

O set your heart upon the Lord, wait patiently for God.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

#21 Set thy trust upon the Lord

#778 Lord you give the great commission

#472 We are God's people

**Sermon Title Patience – Initial Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Patience

July 6 – Proper 9 – Holy Communion

**Lynn Dookie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 37:1-11 - Refrain #1

O set your heart upon the Lord, wait patiently for God.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 - v3

#528 - Jesus calls us here to meet him

#534 – All who hunger, gather gladly

#557 - Shout for joy!

**Sermon Title Patience – Further Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Patience

#### July 13 – Proper 10 – Dialogue Sermon with Karen Dimock

**Kayla Green reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 19 – Refrain #2

Let the heavens declare the glory of God,

the firmament show God's handiwork.

Hebrews 11:1-3 & 8-16

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

# 10 God's glory fill the heavens

#647 In the bulb there is a flower

#434 For the beauty of the earth

**Note: Phil away** 

Sermon Title The Stories We Tell

**Word to Ponder** Stories

July 20 – Proper 11

**Ryan Clarke reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 63:1-8 - Refrain #1

Your love is more than life,

my lips shall give you praise.

Luke 6:35-36

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

#366 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

#692 Where charity and love prevail

#461 Be thou my vision

**Sermon Title Kindness – Initial Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Kindness

**July 27 – Proper 12** 

**Sherwin Xie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 63:1-8 – Refrain #1

Your love is more than life,

my lips shall give you praise.

Luke 6:35-36

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

#631 Jesus' hands are kind hands

**#321** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**#709** What does the Lord require of you?

**Sermon Title Kindness – Further Considerations** 

**Word to Ponder Kindness** 

**August 3 – Proper 13 – Holy Communion** 

**Lynn Dookie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 116 - Refrain #1

I know that my Redeemer lives.

Romans 15:14-21

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

#528 - Jesus calls us here to meet him

#534 – All who hunger, gather gladly

#557 - Shout for joy!

**Sermon Title Generosity – Initial Considerations** 

**Word to Ponder** Generosity

August 10 – Proper 14

**Kayla Green reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 116 - Refrain #1

I know that my Redeemer lives.

Romans 15:14-21

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

**#442 Speak, Lord, in the stillness** 

#663 God, whose giving knows no ending

#798 What gift can we bring

**Sermon Title Generosity – Further Considerations** 

**Word to Ponder** Generosity

August 17 – Proper 15

**Ryan Clarke reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 22:22-31 – Refrain #1

The great congregation their worship shall bring and new generations God's praises will sing.

Romans 10:5-17

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

**#324** Great is thy faithfulness

#680 Christ, of all my hopes the ground

#332 How great thou art

**Sermon Title Faithfulness – Initial Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Faithfulness

August 24 – Proper 16 – Dialogue with Grace Ji-Sun Kim

**Sherwin Xie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 22:22-31 – Refrain #1

The great congregation their worship shall bring and new generations God's praises will sing.

Romans 10:5-17

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

#675 Precious Lord, take my hand

#672 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

#670 Amazing grace

**Sermon Title Faithfulness – Further Considerations** 

Word to Ponder Faithfulness

August 31 – Proper 17

**Kayla Green reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 147:1-11 - Refrain #1

Praise the gracious God of love,

Hallelujah!

Matthew 11:25-31

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

**#748 Lord of all hopefulness** 

#560 Put peace into each other's hands

#399 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

**Sermon Title Gentleness – Initial Considerations** 

**Word to Ponder Gentleness** 

**September 7 – Proper 18 – Holy Communion** 

**Lynn Dookie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 22:22-31 - Refrain #1

Praise the gracious God of love, Hallelujah!

Matthew 11:25-31

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

#528 – Jesus calls us here to meet him

#534 – All who hunger, gather gladly

#557 - Shout for joy!

**Sermon Title Gentleness – Further Considerations** 

**Word to Ponder Gentleness** 

**September 14 – Proper 19** 

**Kayla Green reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 103 – Refrain #1

God is giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest.

Hebrews 10:23-25a

**Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3** 

#625 Seek ye first

#641 One more step along the world I go

#634 Will you come and follow me

**Sermon Title Self-Composure -Initial Considerations** 

**Word to Ponder** Provocateurs

September 21 – Proper 20

**Ryan Clarke reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 103 – Refrain #1

God is giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest.

Hebrews 10:23-25a

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

#644 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

#665 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

#658 By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered

**Sermon Title Self-Composure – Further Considerations** 

**Word to Ponder** Provocateurs

September 28 – Proper 21

**Sherwin Xie reading** 

Scriptures Psalm 100 – Refrain #1

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice

**Galatians 5:13-25** 

Hymns Opening Chorus #471 – v3

#471 – We are one in the Spirit

#329 Thank you, O Lord of earth and heaven

**#563** Let us talents and tongues employ

Sermon Title The Teachings of the Apostles – A Review

Words to Ponder Fruit of the Spirit