

**SERMON**

Rev. Eve Williams

The Bible's Greatest Hits  
Part 4: *The New Commandment*

**Worship Celebration**  
August 23, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.

\* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love* No. 422

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

**Today's theme verse:**

John 13:34

**Next Sunday:**

I Corinthians 13:13

**Sermon Notes**

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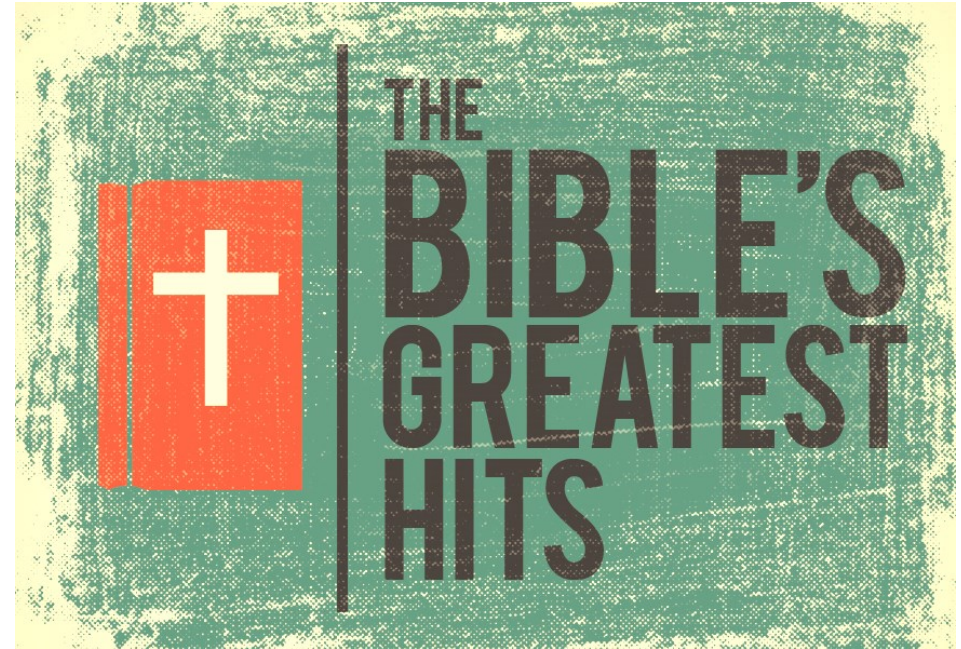
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**Our Mission:**  
*Alive with the Spirit,  
we bring God's love into action  
by igniting faith, transforming lives,  
and creating community.*

**Today's Servants**

**USHERS:** William Hatcher, Madysin Hewitt, Clint Miller, John Nichols

**AUDIO:** Jim DeBusk

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*God's Love in Action™*

## MEDITATION

“Where there is love there is life.” — Mahatma Gandhi

## HYMN SING

Michael Talerico, Dr. Andria Fennig

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

**People: God created all that is!**

Leader: We celebrate that great love of God.

**People: God gifted us with God’s only son, Jesus the Christ.**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!

**People: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God’s blessings.  
Amen.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Hymnal No. 89

\* **OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Lord of light and hope, be with us this day  
as we have gathered to hear your word.**

**Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love,  
even when loving is difficult.**

**Give us the courage to be people who will  
commit their whole lives in your service.**

**In Jesus’ name and for his sake, Amen.**

\* **MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

\* **HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP** *Help Us Accept Each Other* vs. 1&3 No. 560

*When you see an \* in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices  
and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, of all the commandments,  
perhaps the most difficult of all to keep  
is to love one another even as you have loved us.**

**Forgive our failures, we pray, and so fill us with your love  
that we will go forth with new determination  
to reflect that love in all that we do or say.**

**In Jesus’ name and for his sake, Amen.**

### **Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

*(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)*

## ANTHEM

*People Need the Lord*

Ray Boltz

Michael Talerico, soloist; Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

### MISSION MOMENT: YOUTH TRIPS

John Cole Lomax, Olivia Witt

## SHARING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

arr. Hayes

\* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 95

### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

vs 1-3; *The Faith We Sing*, No. 2223

## SCRIPTURE

*John 13:34-35 (pg. 108 N.T., Pew Bible)*

Leader: God’s Word for God’s people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**