

The Fruit of the Spirit:

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” Galatians 5:22

As we continue to care for our neighbors by practicing “social distancing” this spring, it occurred to me that we could probably all use a good measure of “the fruits of the spirit”. This season I am planning on a series of messages based on each one in turn.



Love

*“Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us,
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These words from a children’s song I learned long ago, remind me of the wonder of God’s love for us. Another children’s song, based on 1 John:4 declares:

“Beloved, let us love one another.

For love is of God and everyone who love sis born of God, and knoweth God...”

1 John 4:7

In our scripture for Maundy Thursday, we read Jesus’ new commandment to love one another as I have loved you.

Paul’s first letter to the Corinthian Church tells us that:

Love is patient; love is kind;

love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. I

t does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful

it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Cor. 13:4-7

I love these verses that remind me of God's love and remind me how God would have us share love with one another.

What signs of God's love do you see today?

How does God's love flow through you? Through the people around you?