**Order of Worship**

**March 21, 2021**

**Meditation –** Deuteronomy 4:1-2

And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. **2**You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

**Songs of Adoration**

**Call to Worship** – Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; **8**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; **9**the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. **10**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. **11**Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sin**

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

 *(from the Book of Common Worship)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

P- The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C- The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

 *(Psalm 145:8-9)*

**Songs of Worship**

**Offering and Doxology**

**Old Testament Reading –** Jeremiah 31:10-14

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the Lord.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Announcements**

**Song of Preparation**

**Sermon -** “Offended lawyers”

**Sermon Text –** Luke 11:45-54

**45**One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also.” **46**And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. **47**Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. **48**So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. **49**Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’ **50**so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, **51**from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. **52**Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.” **53**As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, **54**lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

**Song of Response**

**Benediction**