**Order of Worship**

**February 21, 2021**

**Meditation –** Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Songs of Adoration**

**Call to Worship** – Revelation 4:11

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sin**

P- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C- Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!

P- For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C- Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

P- Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

C- Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

 *(Psalm 51:1-6)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

P- Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

C- Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

P- Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

C- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P- Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

C- Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

 *(Psalm 51:7-12)*

**Songs of Worship**

**Offering and Doxology**

**New Testament Reading –** 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27**But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28**God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, **29**so that no human being[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+1%3A26-29&version=ESV#fen-ESV-28376b)] might boast in the presence of God.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Announcements**

**Song of Preparation**

**Sermon -** “Israel’s Future”

**Sermon Text –** Genesis 49:1-28

Then Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come. **2**“Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father. **3**“Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. **4**Unstable as water, you shall not have reeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch! **5**“Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords. **6**Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen. **7**Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. **8**“Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. **9**Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? **10**The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. **11**Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. **12**His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk. **13**“Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon. **14**“Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. **15**He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor. **16**“Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. **17**Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward. **18**I wait for your salvation, O Lord. **19**“Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels. **20**“Asher's

food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies. **21**“Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns. **22**“Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. **23**The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, **24**yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), **25**by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. **26**The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills.
May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.

**27**“Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil.” **28**All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him.

**Song of Response**

**Benediction**