**Order of Worship**

**April 18, 2021**

**Meditation** – John 15:1-2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

**Songs of Adoration**

**Call to Worship** – Isaiah 11:1-6

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. **2**And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. **3**And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, **4**but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. **5**Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. **6**The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sin**

Lord, our hearts are restless. They are deceitful and full of sin. Yet You are gracious because of Christ. Lord, we ask that our hearts find rest in You. Here are our hearts, Lord. We offer them to You, promptly and sincerely, for the sake of Your Son. Amen.

*(adapted from Augustine and Calvin)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

*(Isaiah 40:1-2)*

**Songs of Worship**

**Offering and Doxology**

**Old Testament Reading –** Psalm 92:11-15

My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants. **12**The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. **13**They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. **14**They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, **15**to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Announcements**

**Song of Preparation**

**Sermon -** “What Kind of Tree Are You?”

# **Sermon Text –** Luke 6:43-45

# For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, **44**for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. **45**The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

**Song of Response**

**Benediction**