**Order of Worship**

**April 11, 2021**

**Meditation** – Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

**Songs of Adoration**

**Call to Worship** – 1 Chronicles 16:28-36

Ascribe to the **Lord**, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the **Lord** glory and strength!
**29**Ascribe to the **Lord** the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the **Lord** in the splendor of holiness; **30**tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. **31**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The **Lord** reigns!” **32**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! **33**Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the **Lord**, for he comes to judge the earth. **34**Oh give thanks to the **Lord**, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! **35**Say also: “Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. **36**Blessed be the **Lord**, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!”

Then all the people said, “Amen!” and praised the **Lord**.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sin**

Lord, You are our Shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our Righteousness, but we look to our own works. You are with us, yet we still fear and do not trust your promises of protection. Lord, forgive us. Cause us to embrace your goodness and mercy that we may truly believe that You will be with us all the days of our life. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

 *(adapted from Psalm 23)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the comforting words of Jesus for those who come to Him with their nothing: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Brothers and sisters, the pardon of Christ is a grace that is greater than all our sin. You are forgiven.

  *(adapted from Matthew 5:3)*

**Songs of Worship**

**Offering and Doxology**

**Old Testament Reading –** Leviticus 19:13-18

You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. **14**You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. **15**You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. **16**You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. **17**You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. **18**You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Announcements**

**Song of Preparation**

**Sermon -** “Defeating A Critical Spirit”

# **Sermon Text –** **Luke 6:37-42**

# Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38**give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. **39**He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? **40**A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. **41**Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? **42**How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.”

**Song of Response**

**Benediction**