**Order of Worship**

**January 17, 2021**

**Meditation –** Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our king; he will save us.”

**Songs of Adoration**

**Call to Worship** – Psalm 84 *(Responsive Reading)*

P- How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
C- My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

P- Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
C- Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah!

P- Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
C- As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.  
P- They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

C- O LORD, God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah!

P- Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

C-For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

P- For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

ALL- O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sin**

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek Your face and be brought by Your infinite mercy to Your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(by Alcuin of York)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

*(Zephaniah 3:17)*

**Songs of Worship**

**Offering and Doxology**

**New Testament Reading –** 1 Peter 2:11-17

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. **12**Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. **13**Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, **14**or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. **15**For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. **16**Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. **17**Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Announcements**

**Song of Preparation**

**Sermon -** “The Road to Tyranny?”

**Sermon Text –** Genesis 47:1-27

So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.” **2**And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. **3**Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?” And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were.” **4**They said to Pharaoh, “We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.” **5**Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. **6**The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the and let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”**7**Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. **8**And Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the days of the years of your life?” **9**And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.” **10**And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. **11**Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. **12**And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

**13**Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. **14**And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. **15**And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, “Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? For our money is gone.” **16**And Joseph answered, “Give your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone.” **17**So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year. **18**And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, “We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. **19**Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.”

**20**So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh's. **21**As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other. **22**Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land.

**23**Then Joseph said to the people, “Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. **24**And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones.” **25**And they said, “You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh.” **26**So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's. **27**Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly.

**Song of Response**

**Benediction**