



**Joseph: The Forgiving Leader**

**October 18, 2020**

**Characters**

**Leader**

**Prelude**

"More Previous Than Silver with 'Arioso' by Bach"  
arr. Linda McKechnie  
Piano/Organ Duet

Cathy McGill  
and Jerry  
Olson, Jr.

**Celebration of Community**

Welcome to live and online worship here at Saxe Gotha.

Justin Hall

-Visitor Cards are located in the pews or available from the ushers. Please fill these in and place in the offering baskets as you leave.

- CAR-nival, this year's fall festival, is tonight from 4-6 pm! Come out and join us for a drive thru trunk or treat with music, games and food.

-Drive Thru Prayer is this Tuesday from 7:15-8:15 am in the Saxe Gotha Parking Lot. Please come out and volunteer!

- Poinsettia Sales begin today and run through Nov. 1. These poinsettias will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Christmas. You can order online at [saxegotha.org/news](http://saxegotha.org/news) or place your order with the envelope in the pew pocket.

- The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party will be a drive thru drop-off on Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 5-7:30 pm).

**We Gather to Worship**

**Music of Preparation (Video)**

I believe in a hill called Mount Calvary

Soldiers of  
Faith Gospel  
Quartet

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 33: 18, 20-22

Hal  
McIntosh

Leader: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,  
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his holy name.

All: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,  
for we put our trust in you.

## Opening Hymn

#405 I Love Thy Kingdom Lord (Vs 1,2,5)

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## Prayer of Confession

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

Patrick  
Cherry

## Words of Assurance

Psalm 86:4-5

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you

## Gloria Patri

Hal McIntosh

## Children's Message (Video)

Dawn Merck

## Passing of the Peace

Patrick  
Cherry

## Psalm 33 (Ellacomb setting)

Rejoice, you righteous in the Lord, In song your voices raise;  
awake the psaltery and harp, lift up God's name in praise!  
For by God's word the heavens were hung; God laid the sea and land,  
and all that fills the firmament were made at God's command.

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Let every nation, every land unite with one accord,  
and humbly lay their heartfelt prayers in awe before the Lord. How  
happy are God's faithful ones, how blest God's chosen heirs,  
for surely an inheritance of glory shall be theirs!

Behold, God's ever watchful eye sees through our dark despair;  
the arms of grace encircle us with strong yet tender care;  
the hope of all the ages past, that sets at peace our fears,  
God's mercy and God's steadfast love shall follow all our years.

## Giving Instructions and Offertory Prayer

Giving thanks for Nailbenders

Patrick  
Cherry

## Anthem (VIDEO)

Surely The Presence of the Lord is in this Place

Miki Keisler

## Confirmation (Videos)

Patrick,  
Helen  
Harrison  
and Justin

## Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed

Confirmation  
Class

## Bumper Video

### We Hear God's Word

## Message

Joseph: The Forgiving Leader      Genesis 49:8-10; 50:19-21

Jacob Koon

### We Respond to God's Word

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Leader**  
Harrison

**Memory Verse**

Genesis 50:19-20 ESV

19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Helen  
Harrison

**Invitation and Benediction**

Helen  
Harrison

**Closing Hymn**

#443 O Zion Haste (verses 1,2)

Hal  
McIntosh

**Postlude**

"Toccatà on 'To God Be the Glory'"

arr. Joel Raney

