

MBC Worship Service - October 25th, 2020

Call to Worship

Let us worship God.

**“He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

God You're So Good

<https://youtu.be/XAHplkqyL0g>

Call to Confession

The apostle John wrote:

My little children,

I am writing these things to you
so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin,

we have an advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous;

and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,

and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

In the strength of this assurance,

let us confess our sins to God.

—based on 1 John 2:1-2

Prayer of Confession

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God.
But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart,
and all our mind, and all our strength,
we confess that our love for you is a diluted love,
made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.
Our love seems pure only for brief moments;
soon our affections are drawn away.
How easily our devotion dies.
Forgive us;
in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you;
in grace rekindle our love for you
in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord,
we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
The riches of God's grace have been poured out upon us.
Praise be to our God,
who has chosen and made us his own.
Praise be to our God,
who forgives and cleanses us.
Praise be to our God,
who blesses us beyond our imagination!

Jump Into the Light (Children's)

<https://youtu.be/xVGORBCdh5A>

Responsive Reading Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us;

we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

like streams in the Negeb!

Those who sow in tears

shall reap with shouts of joy!

He who goes out weeping,

bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy,

bringing his sheaves with him.

Wonderful Maker

<https://youtu.be/Z5VUMDgs7oY>

Sermon - When God Gives Bad News

Text: Philippians 2:19-30

Big Idea: Sometimes God's good news sounds like bad news.

- Outline:
1. A Strange Passage
 2. Bad News for the Philippians
 3. God is Behind the Bad News
 4. The Good News
 5. All the Proof We Need

King of my Heart

<https://youtu.be/-jkMnq2Hfzo>

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen**

Benediction

As we go, know that we go
with the love of God the Father,
the grace of God the Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit.

Amen.