

## MBC Worship Service - November 15th, 2020

### Call to Worship

Come, let us bow down in worship,

**let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

for he is our God

**and we are the people of his pasture,**

**the flock under his care.**

—Psalm 95:6-7

### The Lion and The Lamb

<https://youtu.be/SmG-JBsLpcM>

### Call to Confession

In repentance and rest is your salvation,

in quietness and trust is your strength,

but you would have none of it.

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;

therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

For the LORD is a God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

—Isaiah 30:15, 18

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we groan at our weaknesses, and we ask forgiveness.  
Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good.  
But we close our ears to your call,  
and with our perverse pride we foul the gifts you have given us.  
Like your servant Paul, we know what you require of us;  
yet, like Paul, what we do is not the good we want to do,  
and the evil we do not want to do, that evil we keep on doing.  
We mistreat those we love,  
and we dishonor you, the One who made us.  
How long, O Lord, will we continue to ignore your will?  
Yet you provide streams of living mercy;  
you invite us again and again to live renewed lives.  
So we turn once again to the cross,  
to the empty cross, to the stone rolled away,  
to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand,  
to the gracious gift of your Spirit.  
We seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
We draw upon your promises,  
and we ask once again simply for mercy.  
With your Holy Spirit, sanctify us.  
Hear our prayer, O Lord, for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

—Psalm 145:13-14

## Fixin' My Eyes on You (Children's)

<https://youtu.be/POKPmF4Bm2k>

### Responsive Reading Psalm 141:1-5, 8-10

O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me!

Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

**Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth;

keep watch over the door of my lips!

**Do not let my heart incline to any evil,  
to busy myself with wicked deeds  
in company with men who work iniquity,  
and let me not eat of their delicacies!**

Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness;

let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head;

let my head not refuse it.

**Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds.**

But my eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord;

in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenceless!

**Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me  
and from the snares of evildoers!**

Let the wicked fall into their own nets,

while I pass by safely.

## Sermon: God Pushes Us

Text: Philippians 3:12-14

Big Idea: God pushes us forward.

- Outline:
1. Passivity in All its Complexity
  2. What is It?
  3. Past, Future, Present
  4. God Pushes Us
  5. Pushing Forward

## One Thing Remains

<https://youtu.be/LiZnbnEBDY8>

## 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**