MBC Worship Service - November 1st, 2020

Call to Worship

"Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth."

What did God do to help us?

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

They received God's covenant and prepared the way

for Jesus to come as our Savior.

Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

-based on Psalm 124:8

Show Me Your Ways - Children's Song

https://youtu.be/7bCloxL_9Zw

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God
unless we are first honest with ourselves
about who we are,
about the mistakes we make,
and about how well or poorly we care for others.

In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love,

we confess that we have been unfaithful

to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest

instead of serving only you and your people.

We have not loved our neighbour as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness

of our covenant with you and one another.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,

to all who turn to God in hope,

this is God's Word of grace:

We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.

This gift we have from God.

Thanks be to God.

This is Amazing Grace

https://youtu.be/HdIRLgvGRk4

Responsive Reading

When my soul was embittered,

when I was pricked in heart,

I was brutish and ignorant;

I was like a beast toward you.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;

you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,

and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

But for me it is good to be near God;

I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Sermon - Identity Crisis

Text: Philippians 3:1-3

Big Idea: God marks us as His people.

Outline: 1. Our Judaizers

2. Look Out

3. The Real Issue

4. Rejoice in the Lord

Institution of the Bread

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." - 1 Corninthians 11:23-24

Institution of the Cup

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. - 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

I Will Boast In Christ Alone
https://youtu.be/lveHNHJY_5k

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.