MBC Worship Service - November 29th, 2020

Call to Worship - Chair

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts,
—Psalm 95:6-8a

10000 Reasons

https://youtu.be/SXxOsEPbW9E

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

Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbour

set neighbour against neighbour

and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

of intellect and reason,

and turn them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Take comfort in the assurance

that even those things that are hidden from memory,

or are too deep for our words,

are not beyond God's forgiving love.

God, who knows us completely,

bestows pardon and peace.

Thanks be to God.

Make that Change (Children's Song)

https://youtu.be/1dkFhuJsjBo

Responsive Reading Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

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let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God.

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

when your fathers put me to the test

and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation

and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."

Therefore I swore in my wrath,

"They shall not enter my rest."

Sermon: People Watching

Text: Philippians 3:17-19

Big Idea: God shapes our journey through His people.

Outline: 1. Two Ways

2. The Cross and the Gut

3. People Watching

4. Why We Need the Church

Living Hope

https://youtu.be/yqEbxmyW9QA

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