

MBC Worship Service - December 13th, 2020

Call to Worship

A voice cries:

**“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

As we worship today,

let us prepare to welcome God’s dramatic work in our midst,
in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.

Let us worship God.

—based on Isaiah 40:3

Call to Confession

Today we celebrate that Jesus, our Lord,
came to earth as a human, just like us but without sin.
He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin.
With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came,
let us confess our sins and be forgiven.

Prayer of Confession

O promised Christ:

We are a world at war.

Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people.

Our pardon depends on your coming.

**We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God’s will**

is that you should come and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh,

**our world waits
for your peace,
for your pardon,
and for your grace.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sins are pardoned.
The penalty is paid.
Thanks be to God.

—based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Responsive Reading Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
**“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”**
He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
**“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**
I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, **“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.**

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

**You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear,

and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son,

lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Sermon: The King is Born

Text: Micah 5:1-5a

Big Idea: Jesus was born to be the King we need.

- Outline:
1. The Coming King
 2. The Old Kings
 3. How He Will Rule
 4. The King We Need

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