

## MBC Worship Service - December 27th, 2020

### Call to Worship

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;  
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you;  
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

—from Psalm 9:1-2

### 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

**Merciful God,  
you made us in your image,  
with a mind to know you,  
a heart to love you,  
and a will to serve you.  
But our knowledge is imperfect,  
our love inconstant,  
our obedience incomplete.  
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.  
In your tender love, forgive us  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins  
is proclaimed to you.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace.

—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

## Responsive Reading Psalm 1

Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Sermon: Knowing Yourself

Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Big Idea: God grounds our identity.

- Outline:
1. What We Get Right and Wrong About The Story
  2. What is Really Going On
  3. Going a Little Deeper
  4. Finding Our Identity

## 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**