

MBC Worship Service - January 10th, 2021

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

Call to Confession

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God's leading
by our own transparent confession.

—based on Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained access to this grace
in which we stand;
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

—Romans 5:1-2

Responsive Reading Psalm 54

O God, save me by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

**O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen against me;
**ruthless men seek my life;
they do not set God before themselves.**

Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

Sermon: Planning Our Life with God

Text: James 4:13-17

Preacher: Pastor Dinal Perera

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