

MBC Worship Service - January 17th, 2021

Call to Worship - Chair

Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?

**The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.**

—Psalm 24:7-10

Call to Confession

Our Lord Jesus said:

“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments,

and because we have not lived in full obedience,
let us now confess our sins to God,
trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.
—based on Matthew 22:37-40

Prayer of Confession

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbours in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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 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: Being Good Citizens

Text: Philippians 3:20-4:1

Big Idea: Being God's citizens makes us better earthly citizens.

- Outline:
1. The Earth is Our Home
 2. Paul is Being Political
 3. Living as Heavenly Citizens
 4. God's Eternal Kingdom
 5. Engaging Our World

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