

## MBC Worship Service - January 31st, 2021

### 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.**

### Call to Confession

When we see God's beautiful holiness,  
we recognize our own lack of holiness.

God is light and truth,  
yet we live among shadows and lies.

People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are;  
let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

### Prayer of Confession

**God of birth, God of joy, God of life,  
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.**

**We have been so dead to miracles  
that we have missed the world's rebirth.**

**We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures  
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.**

**We have been so concerned with making a living  
that we have missed the life you set among us.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;  
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity  
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord,  
we have redemption, forgiveness of sins.

The riches of God's grace have been poured out upon us.

**Praise be to our God,**

who has chosen and made us his own.

**Praise be to our God,**

who forgives and cleanses us.

**Praise be to our God,**

who blesses us beyond our imagination!

## Responsive Reading Psalm 16:5-11

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

**you hold my lot.**

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

**indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I have set the Lord always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**my flesh also dwells secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy;**

**at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## Sermon: Unreasonable Requests

Text: Philippians 4:4-7

Big Idea: God can do the miraculous in us.

- Outline:
1. Anticipating Doubt
  2. Reasons for Doubt
  3. Reason for Hope
  4. Hoping in God

## 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**