

# MBC Worship Service - February 21st, 2021

## Call to Worship

Come, bow down and worship,

**kneel to the Lord, our Maker.**

This is our God, our shepherd,

**we are the flock led with care.**

—Psalm 95:6-7

## Call to Confession

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us,

we often act in destructive and hateful ways.

We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law.

Together let us confess our sin.

## Prayer of Confession

**God of love and justice,**

**we long for peace within and peace without.**

**We long for harmony in our families,**

**for serenity in the midst of struggle.**

**We long for the day when our homes**

**will be a dwelling place for your love.**

**Yet we confess that we are often anxious,**

**we do not trust each other,**

**and we harbor violence.**

**We are not willing to take the risks**

**and make the sacrifices that love requires.**

**Look upon us with kindness and grace.**

**Rule in our homes and in all the world;**

**show us how to walk in your paths,  
through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,  
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible  
that God cannot forgive,  
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.  
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.  
Receive the forgiving love of God.  
Thanks be to God.

### Responsive Reading Psalm 55:12-18

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—  
**then I could bear it;**  
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—  
**then I could hide from him.**  
But it is you, a man, my equal,  
**my companion, my familiar friend.**  
We used to take sweet counsel together;  
**within God's house we walked in the throng.**  
Let death steal over them;  
**let them go down to Sheol alive;**  
**for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.**  
But I call to God,  
**and the Lord will save me.**  
Evening and morning and at noon  
**I utter my complaint and moan,**  
**and he hears my voice.**  
He redeems my soul in safety

**from the battle that I wage,  
for many are arrayed against me.**

## Sermon: Abuse of Authority

Text: Exodus 8:1

Big Idea: What matters is what God says.

- Outline:
1. What Matters
  2. Gender
  3. Age
  4. Office
  5. What God Says

## 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**