

## MBC Worship Service - February 7th, 2021

### Call to Worship - Chair

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.  
—Psalm 96:1-2

### Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.  
—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you**  
**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**  
**help us amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Since we have now been justified by his blood,  
how much more shall we be saved  
from God's wrath through him!

—Romans 5:8-9

### Responsive Reading - Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

**and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## Sermon: Unreasonable Requests

Text: Philippians 4:4-7

Big Idea: God opens up the world for us.

Outline:       1. Paul's Words in Context  
                  2. Our Guides  
                  3. Our Open World  
                  4. Go with Peace

## Institution of the Bread

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." - 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

## Institution of the Cup

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. - 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal God,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of his body and blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart,  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## 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**