

MBC Worship Service - March 14th, 2021

Call to Worship

Let us worship God.

**“He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people
who have preferred our wills to his.

Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness,
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.

Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.

Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

Sermon: When We Won't Hear God

Text: Mark 10:32-39a

Big Idea: God speaks good news.

- Outline:
1. The Disciples Don't Listen
 2. We Don't Listen
 3. Why We Don't Listen
 4. If We Listened

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