

## MBC Worship Service - March 21st, 2021

### Call to Worship

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.”

—Matthew 11:28-29

### 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

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds you have been healed.

—1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

### Responsive Reading Psalm 116:12-19

What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,  
I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints.  
O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!

## Sermon: The Odd Way Up

Text: Mark 10:35-42

Big Idea: God is a servant.

- Outline:
1. What the Disciples Want
  2. Who They Think Jesus Is
  3. Who Jesus Actually Is
  4. What Disciples Actually Get
  5. God is a Servant

## 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**