

MBC Worship Service - April 11, 2021

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house

and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy,

to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths

in this hour of worship and always.

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Call to Confession

Seeing that we have a great High Priest

who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God,

let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence,

that we may receive mercy for our failures

and grace to help in the hour of need.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

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

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
—Psalm 145:13-14

Responsive Reading Psalm 21:1-7

O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!
May my accusers be put to shame and consumed;
**with scorn and disgrace may they be covered
who seek my hurt.**
But I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.
My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
**of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.**
With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.
O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.

Sermon: God Makes A Way

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Big Idea: God makes a way.

- Outline:
1. Philip's Barriers
 2. God's Providence
 3. Our Barriers
 4. God's Providence
 5. Prayer

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