

MBC Worship Service - April 4th, 2021

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

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—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us

from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

—based on Romans 8:39

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Reading - Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the LORD,

and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The LORD is our strength and our song;

he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

We will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected

has become the capstone;

The LORD has done this;

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sermon: Fear and Trembling at the Tomb

Text: Mark 16:1-8

Big Idea: Jesus' resurrection calls for fear leading to grace.

Outline:

1. We Have Sinned
2. We Must Change
3. God Forgives Us
4. God Changes Us

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