

## MBC Worship Service - May 16, 2021

### Call to Worship

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

In repentance and rest is your salvation,

in quietness and trust is your strength,

but you would have none of it.

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;

therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

For the LORD is a God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

—Isaiah 30:15, 18

### Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord.**

**Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,**

**the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,**

**our secret and our whispering sins,**

**our presumptuous and our careless sins,**

**the sins we have done to please ourselves,**

**and the sins we have done to please others.**

**Forgive us the sins that we know,**

**and the sins that we know not;**

**forgive them, O Lord,  
forgive them all because of your great goodness.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
    slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
    so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.  
For he knows how we were made;  
    he remembers that we are dust.  
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from  
    everlasting to everlasting  
    on those who fear him,  
    and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
    and remember to do his commandments.  
    —Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18

### Responsive Reading Psalm 19:7-13

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
    **reviving the soul;**  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
    **making wise the simple;**  
the precepts of the Lord are right,  
    **rejoicing the heart;**  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
    **enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the Lord is clean,  
    **enduring forever;**

the rules of the Lord are true,

**and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,

**even much fine gold;**

sweeter also than honey

**and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can discern his errors?

**Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

**let them not have dominion over me!**

Then I shall be blameless,

**and innocent of great transgression.**

## Sermon: Ambiguity is a Certainty

Text: Esther 2:12-18

Big Idea: God allows some ambiguity.

- Outline:
1. An Ambiguous Situation
  2. An Ambiguous Book
  3. You Can't Legislate Everything
  4. Be Understanding - we need to make allowances for different
  5. Thank God for the Gospel

## 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**