

MBC Worship Service - May 9, 2021

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

**All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

—Psalm 66:1-2, 4

Call to Confession

God's Word assures us:

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

—based on 1 John 1:8-9

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins
is proclaimed to you.
In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.

—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

Responsive Reading Psalm 139:13-18

For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

I awake, and I am still with you.

Sermon: God Sees You

Text: Esther 2:1-11

Big Idea: God always sees the person.

- Outline:
1. Dehumanizing People
 2. What Does God Think?
 3. Seeing People
 4. Being Seen

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