

## MBC Worship Service - June 6, 2021

### Call to Worship

There is none like you, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.**

**For you are great and do wondrous things,  
you alone are God.**

—from Psalm 86:8-10

### 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

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you.**  
**You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.**  
**Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry**

**for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.**

### Responsive Reading Psalm 32:1-5,8-11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**  
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**  
I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**  
I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
**Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,**

**which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

**Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

## Sermon: Turning Around

Text: Esther 5

Big Idea: God turns people around

- Outline:
1. Who Esther Was
  2. Who Esther Is
  3. God Turns Esther Around
  4. God Turns Us Around

## 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.