

MBC Worship Service - August 1, 2021

Call to Worship

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

—from Psalm 9:1-2

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people
who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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 neighbours 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

There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

—Romans 8:1

Responsive Reading Psalm 1

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.**

In all that he does, he prospers.

**The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
**for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Sermon: Godless Places

- Text: Psalm 126
- Big Idea: God makes things better and better.
- Outline: 1. Psalm 126
2. COVID-19
3. The Gospel

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.