

MBC Worship Service - July 11, 2021

Call to Worship

“Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.”

What did God do to help us?

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

**They received God’s covenant and prepared the way
for Jesus to come as our Savior.**

Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

—based on Psalm 124:8

Call to Confession

“Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.”

—Isaiah 1:18

Prayer of Confession

**God of love, in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done,
we have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us
and renew our lives
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
 so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
 so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
 —Psalm 103:8-13

Responsive Reading Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
 Serve the Lord with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Sermon: Crooked People

Text: Esther 9:1-19

Big Idea: God can draw a straight line with a crooked stick.

- Outline:
1. The Best Intentions
 2. Crooked Actions
 3. A Straight Line
 4. Being Hopeful

Announcements

- Children's Ministry's Bedtime Stories program has begun
 - 7:30 - 7:50 pm Fridays throughout the summer
 - Please visit the Children's Ministry page at malvernchristian.ca for details
- Children's Ministry has hired 6 Student Workers
 - Erin Cheung, Christopher Fan, Addison Luo, Audrey Cheng, Kayla Setoyama and Timothy Wong
 - They will be with us June 28 to Oct 31
- Tithes and Offers
 - Visit our Giving page at malvernchristian.ca for more info

Prayer Items

- Please pray for our Student Workers asking God to give them a team spirit to support each other. Pray that they have a passion to love the children and the wisdom to serve well.
- Pray for Pastor Dinal as he serves the Youth. Ask God to give him wisdom to know how to lead during these disorienting times.
- Pray for someone from the church you haven't talked to in a while.

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.