

MBC Worship Service - July 18, 2021

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house

and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy,

to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths

in this hour of worship and always.

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Call to Confession

We know that nothing is able to separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

—based on Romans 8:39

—Isaiah 1:18

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

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you, you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

—Isaiah 44:21-22, NRSV

Responsive Reading Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Sermon: Through Silence

Text: Esther 9:20-28

Big Idea: Big Idea: God works through silence.

Outline:

1. One of These Things is not Like the Others
2. Finding God in Esther
3. Working Through Silence
4. Growing Through Silence

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.