

MBC Worship Service - August 15, 2021

Call to Worship

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
for he is our God
**and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

Call to Confession

When we see God's beautiful holiness,
we recognize our own lack of holiness.
God is light and truth,
yet we live among shadows and lies.
People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are;
let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

Prayer of Confession

**God of birth, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the world's rebirth.
We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the life you set among us.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

—Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8

Responsive Reading Psalm 56:1-4, 12-13

Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;

all day long an attacker oppresses me;

my enemies trample on me all day long,

for many attack me proudly.

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, O God;

I will render thank offerings to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,

yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God

in the light of life.

Sermon: Life Before God

Text: Psalms 1 & 2

Big Idea: Blessing is found in God's presence.

Outline: 1. Connecting the Psalms
2. Two Ways
3. One Thing
4. Living Coram Dei

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.