

## MBC Worship Service - August 22, 2021

### Call to Worship

Great and marvellous are your deeds,  
Lord God Almighty.

**Just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations.**

Who will not fear you, Lord,  
and bring glory to your name?

**For you alone are holy.**

**All nations will come and worship before you.**

—Revelation 15:3-4

### 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

### Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love,  
in your great tenderness wipe away my offences;  
wash me thoroughly from my guilt,  
purify me from my sin.**

**For I am well aware of my offences,  
my sin is constantly in mind.**

**Against you, you alone, I have sinned,  
I have done what you see to be wrong,  
that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence,**

**and your victory may appear when you give judgment,  
remember, I was born guilty,  
a sinner from the moment of conception.  
But you delight in sincerity of heart,  
and in secret you teach me wisdom.  
God, create in me a clean heart,  
renew within me a resolute spirit,  
do not thrust me away from your presence,  
do not take away from me your spirit of holiness.  
Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
sustain in me a generous spirit.  
Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will speak out your praise.  
Sacrifice gives you no pleasure,  
burnt offering you do not desire.  
Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit,  
a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.**

**—Psalm 51:1-6, 10-12, 15-17, NJB**

### Assurance of Pardon

Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

—Isaiah 1:18

## Responsive Reading Psalm 17

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

**Praise the Lord!**

## Sermon: Bringing Our Sin to God

Text: Psalm 51

Big Idea: God's grace allows us to be honest and hopeful about our sin.

Outline:

1. This is About You
2. Honesty
3. Hope
4. God's Grace

## 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.