

BIBLICAL PRAYERS



WHEN YOU NEED THE RIGHT TOOL,
REACH FOR THE PRO.

8:30 AM Service

May 31, 2020

Alf Halvorson preaching

[I Kings 19:1-4](#)

Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Songs of Praise

This is Amazing Grace
Come Now is the Time to Worship

Phil Wickham
Brian Doerksen

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Rachel Poysky

Songs of Response

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

Moment of Prayer

Rachel Poysky

Song of Preparation *Lord, Send Revival/Great are You, Lord* Hillsong Young & Free

Message

When Exhausted

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

Way Maker

Leeland

Sharing Our Gifts/Benediction

Alf Halvorson

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9:45 AM Service

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Call to Worship

Meliza Gómez

Songs of Praise

Never Gonna Stop Singing
Won't Stop Now

Jesus Culture
Elevation Worship

Kids' Moment

Lyndsey Dottavio & Rachel Poysky

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Meliza Gómez

Songs of Response

This is Amazing Grace
Way Maker

Phil Wickham
Leeland

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Song of Response

Lord, Send Revival/Great are You, Lord

Hillsong Young & Free

Moment of Prayer

Dave Steane

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11:15 AM Service

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[I Kings 19:1-4](#)

Preludes

*Come Down, O Love Divine
Crown Him With Many Crowns*

arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Choral Introit

This Is The Day

John Rutter

***Hymn of Praise**

Let Every Christian Pray

LAUDES DOMINI

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

Rachel Poysky

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

***Congregational Response**

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

Anthem

Hear Me, Redeemer

Henry Mollicone

Pastoral Prayer

Dave Steane

Anthem of Preparation

O, For the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn

Message

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***Hymn of Response**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Sharing our Gifts

Alf Halvorson

Postlude

Rondo

Sue Mitchell-Wallace

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When Exhausted | I Kings 19:1-4
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This is the first in our Summer Sermon Series on Biblical Prayers. MDPC was founded on three grand principles: The Greatest Commission to “Go and Make Disciples...,” radical generosity; and praying for all members and partners daily. We wanted to lean into helping each other grow in that third principle this Summer. When learning to write letters, sometimes a teacher will put her hand over yours to help you form the shapes correctly. Like that, Biblical prayers can shape our attempts at prayer. They keep us from becoming repetitive and boring in our praying, remind us that we are not alone—disciples from the past can mentor us in how to respond to the different emotions and circumstances of life, and more fully connect us to the One “who rewards those who seek Him.” [Hebrews 11:6]

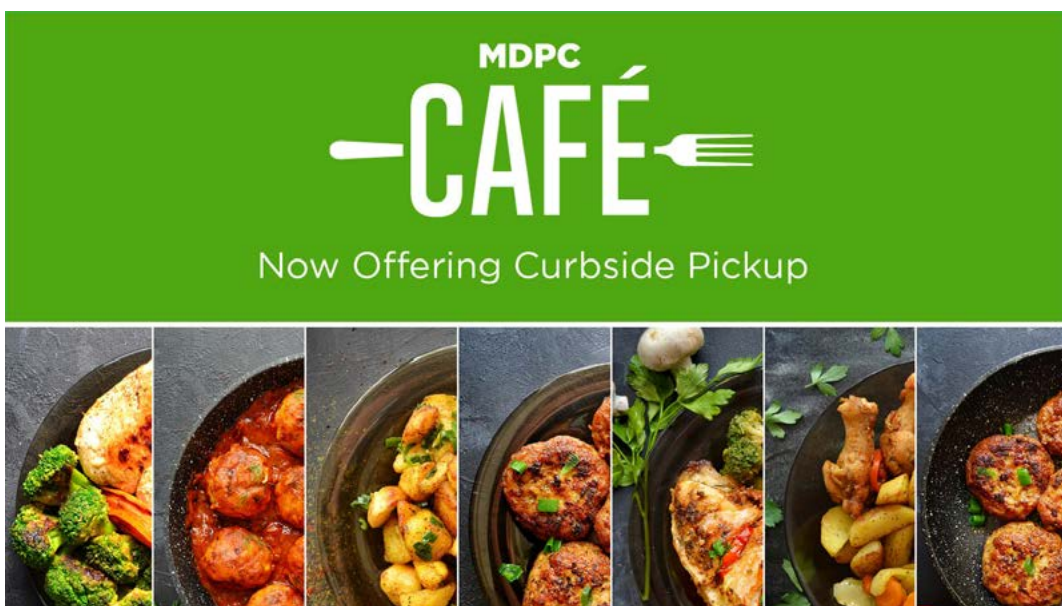
1. If you have time, read [I Kings 16:29-19:18](#). This gives you the important context for the passage I lifted up in my sermon. If you are short on time, just read [I Kings 16:29-33; 17:1; 18:17-19; & 19:1-4](#). From these texts, what do you know about Ahab, Jezebel, and Elijah?
2. From [I Kings 19:1-4](#), what makes Elijah run away? What is his prayer to God?
Have you ever prayed a prayer of exhaustion or depression like Elijah’s? I mentioned in my sermon that sometimes fatigue comes from failures; but here it comes after a great success. Can success produce fatigue and depression? Explain your answer.
3. I talked about three prescriptions from God in [I Kings 19:5-18](#). What are they? How is the first one practical? How is the second one a tutorial on prayer? And how is the third one a ‘new commission’ for Elijah?
4. Do those three prescriptions only apply to super-prophets or might they apply to us, too? Which of the three is a word on target to your life right now? What might you do in response to God’s words and actions?
5. Focus a little more on the theme of prayer. I showed two slides during my message: a cartoon from Kudzu—“*Dear Lord, Gimme, Gimme, Gimme! I mean, Let’s be candid*”; and an explanation of prayer by Harry Emerson Fosdick, “*Prayer is not a way of getting God to do what we want, but a way of putting ourselves in such relationship with God that God can do in and for and through us what God wants. Prayer is not a magic means by which we control God, but a humble means by which God can control us, find gangway through us, release divine power and purpose in us.... Without prayer, there are some things God cannot say to us, for prayer is the listening ear. Without prayer, there are some things God cannot give us, for prayer is the hospitable heart. Without prayer, there are some things God cannot do through us, for prayer is the cooperative will.*” What does Elijah’s story and Fosdick’s quote teach us about prayer? How might you apply that gleaning in your ‘prayer life’ this coming week?



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

May 24, 2020

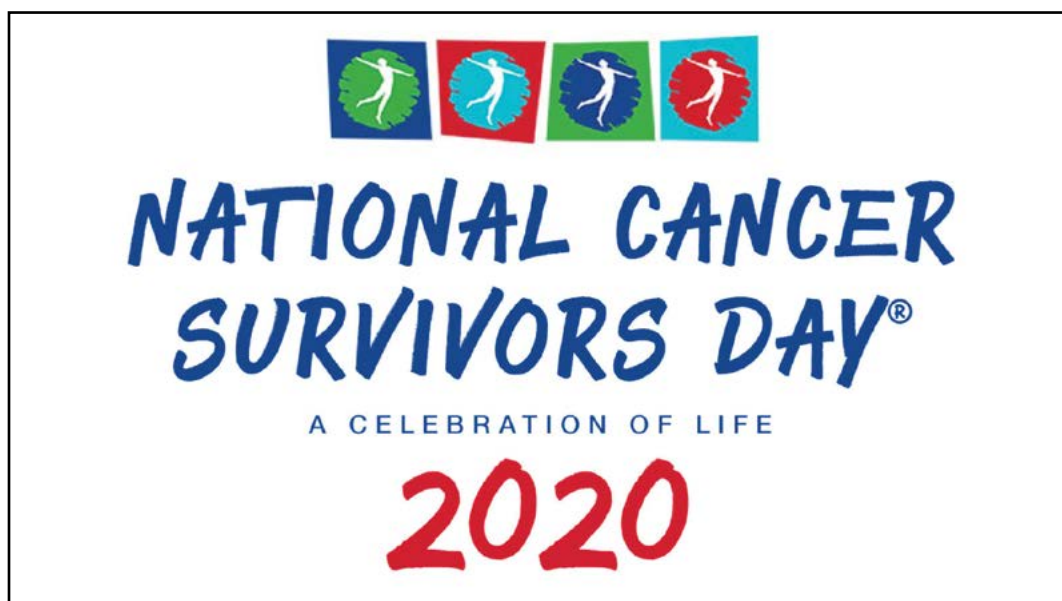
While many in-person events are not happening, or have been rescheduled, there are still lots of opportunities to serve, study, grow, and share. To see all that is offered, visit events.mdpc.org.



The **MDPC** Café is back, serving up delicious prepared meals - and now offering convenient curbside (and limited delivery) service. Check out its menu and order by visiting cafe.mdpc.org. To learn more about delivery options, call 713-953-2571.



After much discussion and review of options, Children's Ministries staff are excited to report that Summer Celebration 2020 will move forward with a different format. Visit summercel.mdpc.org for specifics regarding this year's program.



On June 7, people around the world are coming together to acknowledge cancer survivors, and to raise awareness of the challenges of cancer survivorship, as part of the 33rd annual National Cancer Survivors Day®. Learn more about upcoming events [here](#).



In this time of COVID-19, the demand for volunteers is ongoing. Help us bless our ministry partners, like **MDPC** Fuente Food Pantry, Kids' Meals, and Houston Food Bank. Discover opportunities to help at action.mdpc.org.



The Witnessing Disciple is the latest six-session small group study produced especially for **MDPC**. In this study, you'll focus on recognizing and enjoying how God often works through spiritual conversations. Visit witnessing.mdpc.org.



MDPC is planning to have limited-capacity in-person worship on May 31. Visit open.mdpc.org to learn more about plans to keep those on our campus safe and healthy. If you prefer to continue worshipping safely at home, we affirm your decision!



Pastor Dan Aikins and seminarian Laurien Hook have teamed up for a series of brief videos on *What Christianity Is Not*. These eight videos cover a variety of common myths and misconceptions of the Christian faith. Visit not.mdpc.org to view the entire series.



For a daily dose of encouragement, follow our Monday-Saturday devotionals recorded by **MDPC** Pastors and leadership. Visit dailydevos.mdpc.org to hear brief examinations of Scripture, coping mechanisms, and other spirit-lifting subjects.



Counselor-in-residence Amanda Grace Caldwell, has curated a series of videos by accredited guests that will help you deal with some of the emotional issues associated with the quarantine. Visit counselingtips.mdpc.org to view the entire series.



Looking for good, healthy content for your children? View the weekly Sunday School lessons by Preschool Director Mayra Escamilla and Elementary Director Lyndsey Dottavio. Visit preschoollessons.mdpc.org or elementarylessons.mdpc.org.



Registration is now open for the fall series of Word & Worship. This year's study of the Book of Hebrews will leave us with a deeper knowledge of Jesus and more complete understanding of the Bible as a whole. Learn more and register at hebrews.mdpc.org.