

# BIBLICAL PRAYERS



***When Jesus Invites You to Follow***  
Matthew 14:22-33 | Beth Case preaching

## 8:30 AM Service

June 14, 2020

Alf Halvorson preaching

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

### Welcome & Announcements

Rachel Poysky

### Call to Worship

Rachel Poysky

### Songs of Praise

*Victory in Jesus*  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Traditional  
Traditional

### \*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Dan Aikins

### Songs of Response

*Who You Say I Am*

Brooke Ligertwood

### Moment of Prayer

Rachel Poysky

### Song of Preparation

*O Praise The Name*

Joel Houston

### Message

*When Jesus Invites You to Follow*

Beth Case

### Song of Response

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Traditional

### Sharing Our Gifts/Benediction

Beth Case

## Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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**Welcome & Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

**Song of Praise**

*Found In You*

Paul Baloche

**Kid's Moment**

Dan Aikins

**Moment of Confession & Assurance**

Christyn Knoop

**Songs of Response**

*Who You Say I Am*

Brooke Ligertwood

*O, Praise the Name*

Joel Houston

**Message**

*When Jesus Invites You to Follow*

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**Song of Response**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Traditional

**Sharing Our Gifts & Benediction**

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**11:15 AM Service**

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Prelude, Fugue and Variation</i>	César Franck (1822-1890)
<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Choral Introit</b>	<i>Let a Joyful Song Arise</i>	Carl Nygard (b.1947)
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Come, Christians, Come to Sing</i>	MADRID
<b>*Prayer of Confession, Assurance, &amp; Affirmation of Faith</b>		Dan Aikins
<b>*Congregational Response</b>	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Ye Followers of the Lamb</i>	arr. Edwin Earle Ferguson
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Anthem of Preparation</b>	<i>He Comes to Us</i>	Jane Marshall (1924-2019)
<b>Message</b>	<i>When Jesus Invites You to Follow</i>	Beth Case
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	<i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!</i>	ASSURANCE
<b>Sharing Our Gifts</b>		Beth Case
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	arr. J. Bert Carlson

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Look through these upcoming events - most online, but some in-person, You'll find opportunities to serve, study, grow, and share. To see all that is being offered, visit [events.mdpc.org](https://events.mdpc.org).



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



Even in this time of social distancing, we can still develop new friendships and find deeper meaning in our personal interactions. Brett Hurst is helping to facilitate mentoring relationships in a revised program called Patio Chats. To learn all the details, visit [chats.mdpc.org](https://chats.mdpc.org).

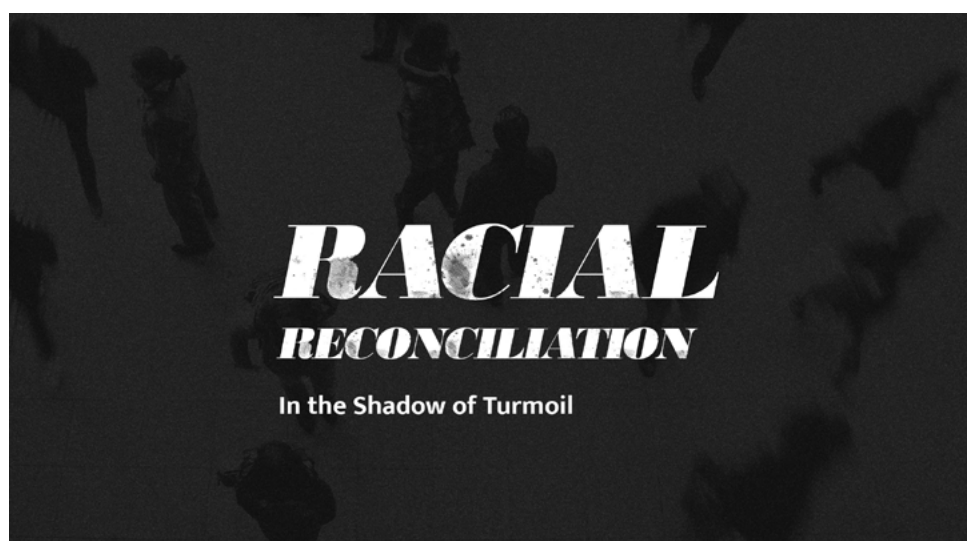


In this three-part workshop-intended for our turbulent times-you'll read classical and contemporary texts and explore what makes a psalm. As we explore the emotional tenor of the psalms, we'll practice expressing our own hopes and laments. Email Amanda Grace ([acaldwell@mdpc.org](mailto:acaldwell@mdpc.org)) to register.

## Elementary Sunday School Lesson



Looking for good, healthy, and FUN content for your children? View the weekly Sunday School lessons by Preschool Director Mayra Escamilla and Elementary Director Lyndsey Dottavio. Visit [online.mdpc.org](https://online.mdpc.org) to view weekly lessons.



The **MDPC** Pastors have developed a book and movie list that they have found helpful and informative in the journey of examining issues of race and reconciliation. Check it out at [recs.mdpc.org](https://recs.mdpc.org).



**MDPC** is now hosting limited-capacity in-person worship. Visit [open.mdpc.org](https://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!



Children's Ministries staff are excited to report that Summer Celebration 2020 will move forward with a different format, but with a variety of fun-filled programs, both digital and in-person. Visit [summercel.mdpc.org](https://summercel.mdpc.org) for program specifics.



For a daily dose of encouragement, follow our Monday-Saturday devotionals recorded by **MDPC** Pastors and leadership. Visit [dailydevos.mdpc.org](https://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 shutdown. Visit [counselingt看tips.mdpc.org](https://counselingt看tips.mdpc.org) to view the series.



Are you engaged or newly married? Join Brett and Kellie Hurst in July (via Zoom) for Married Life Prep. Their goal is to help engaged and young married couples experience a rich fullness in marriage. Learn more & register at [mlp.mdpc.org](https://mlp.mdpc.org).



Need a jumpstart on the morning? Join us for a brief devotional Zoom time led by the Men's Life at **MDPC** team. When you register at the link below, you'll receive the Zoom invitation. Visit [mlmoments.mdpc.org](https://mlmoments.mdpc.org) to register.



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This is the third in our Summer Sermon Series on Biblical Prayers.

*The bottom line is **pray**.*

*If you're tired, sick, emotionally overwhelmed—**pray**.*

*If you're on cloud nine and life seems perfect—**pray**.*

*If you lack direction—**pray**.*

*If you doubt that prayer makes any difference—**pray**.*

*If the circumstances of your life are out of your control—**pray**.*

*If the circumstances of your life seem well within your control—pray even harder.*

*Whatever you do—**pray**.” -Tony Evans*

Maybe that’s all we need to hear: Pray. But we’re going a little deeper because the prayers found in the Bible are spoken by real people, in real situations, with real emotions to a real God. And they found real mercy in time of need. Today, we look closely at Simon Peter, who interacted with Jesus around a decision to step out of a fishing boat, and get closer to his Savior.

1. What type of decisions fill your days? Which ones create the most stress? What kind of energy are you expending in making those decisions? How might decision fatigue be affecting you or your loved ones in these recent months?
2. Read [Matthew 14:22-33](#). What persons or groups are named? What sights and sounds are reflected in verse 24? Might these be a metaphor for sights and sounds of the world today?
3. What decisions does Jesus make in verses 22-23? (see also [Matthew 14:13-21](#))
4. Verse 28 indicates that Peter’s words are in response to Jesus. What does this tell us about the initiation of this scene and the interaction therein?
5. I shared words from Charles Wheelan’s commencement address: “Don’t try to be great, just be solid.” How does Peter model or not model this? Where could you use that advice in your own life? Maybe you’d complete the sentence differently: “Don’t try to be great, just be \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. Missionary aviation pilot Joyce Lin never set out to be a hero; instead, she just did one “next right thing” at a time. What surprised her as she sought to follow God’s call on her life?
7. Peter asks not for the storm to be calmed, but to hear Jesus’ voice and to be invited nearer to his Master. What insight might we glean from this?
8. When have you taken a step toward Jesus? What was that like?
9. Our sermon series is on **Biblical Prayers**, but prayer is not named in this particular Scripture passage. Why would we choose this as a passage about prayer?
10. Peter’s prayer was just one sentence. Does one of the following short prayers catch your attention? Why not pray it five times per day this week!?
  - a. Speak lord, for your servant is listening -1 Samuel 3:10
  - b. Find rest, o my soul, in God alone. -Psalm 62:1
  - c. Lord, save me! -Matthew 14:30
  - d. Lord, I believe; help my unbelief! -Mark 9:24
  - e. Not my will, but Yours be done. -Luke 22:42