## **BIBLICAL PRAYERS**





When You Need a Spiritual Reset
Ephesians 3:14-21 | Christyn Knoop preaching

8:30 AM Service

Christyn Knoop preaching

July 5, 2020

**Ephesians 3:14-21** 

Call to Worship

Dave Steane

**Songs of Praise** 

America The Beautiful The Old Rugged Cross

Katherine Bates George Bennard

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance** 

Beth Case

**Song of Preparation** 

Goodness of God

Ed Cash

Message

When You Need a Spiritual Reset

Christyn Knoop

Communion

Dave Steane

All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.

Song of Response

How Great is Your Love

Phil Wickham

Sharing our Gifts/Benediction

Christyn Knoop

Call to Worship

Worship Leader



### **Sunday Worship Playlist**

Click here to listen

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

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When You Need a Spiritual Reset

Ephesians 3:14-21 | Christyn Knoop preaching

9:45 AM Service

Christyn Knoop preaching

July 5, 2020

**Ephesians 3:14-21** 

Song of Praise Great Things Phil Wickham

**Kids' Moment** Children's Ministry

Moment of Confession & Assurance Beth Case

**Songs of Response** Goodness of God Ed Cash

Message When You Need a Spiritual Reset Christyn Knoop

**Communion** Dave Steane

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Song of Response How Great is Your Love Phil Wickham

Sharing Our Gifts/Benediction Christyn Knoop

**Prelude** Meditation on "Lift Every Voice and Sing" & "Deep River" K. White



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## When You Need a Spiritual Reset Ephesians 3:14-21 | Christyn Knoop preaching

11:15 AM Service

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July 5, 2020

**Ephesians 3:14-21** 

Welcome & Call to Worship

Laudate, Laudate Dominum Christopher Walker (b. 1947)

**Hymn of Praise** 

**Choral Introit** 

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* 

An American Hymn

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Dave Steane

Prayer of Confession, Assurance and Affirmation

Beth Case

arr. Cecil Effinger/White

**Pastoral Prayer** 

**Anthem of Preparation** 

James Mulholland (b. 1935)

Message

Anthem

When You Need a Spiritual Reset

Psalm 103

Christyn Knoop

Communion

Dave Steane

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Hymn of Response

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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**Sharing Our Gifts** 

Christyn Knoop

**Postlude** 

Trumpet Tune

Lani Smith (1934 - 2015)

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

July 7, 2020

Look through these upcoming events most online, but a few in-person, You'll find opportunities to serve, study, grow, and share. To see all that is being offered, visit

events.mdpc.org



The **MDPC** Café is back, serving up delicious prepared meals and daily specials for lunch and Monday and Wednesday dinners. The Café is now offering convenient curbside (and limited delivery) service. Check out the menu and order by visiting **cafe.mdpc.org**.



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**.



MOPS Bible Study is now virtual and meets Wednesday evenings. Moms of all ages and stages are invited to grow in faith, friendship, and understanding of the Bible. To join the call or for more info, email **Christyn Knoop**.



**LIFE Houston** serves as a lifeline for families with infants by providing free infant formula and diapers. Click on the link for a list of accepted items. Items may be dropped off at the Front Office weekdays or on Sunday mornings.

## Preschool and 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 to view weekly lessons.



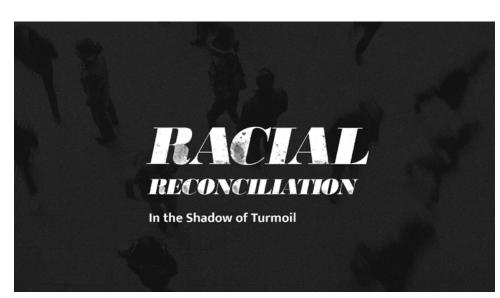
When we say slowly and safely, we mean it! In line with current spikes and recommendations of local officials, **MDPC** is not hosting in-person worship until we feel that it is safe to do so. Visit <u>open.mdpc.org</u> for updates. We look forward to seeing you online!



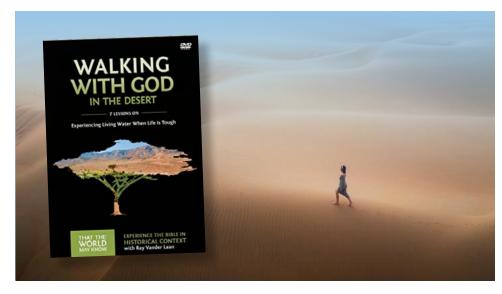
The **MDPC** app delivers an experience that's simple, useful, and informative. Many of the features are customized to fit your needs, all with the intent of making it easy to engage in the life of **MDPC**. And, you can check-in to the services (even from home) via the app. Visit <u>app.mdpc.org</u> to learn more.



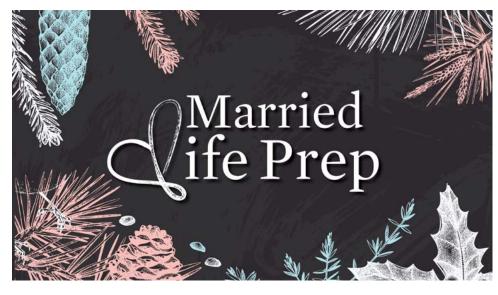
Join Children's Ministry for a Summer Celelbration Virtual Worship night on **Thursday, January 9** at 6:30 PM. The event will be broadcast on Facebook Live (<u>facebook.mdpc.org</u>). The Big Bag and T-Shirt pickup has been rescheduled. Visit <u>summercel.mdpc.org</u> for details.



The **MDPC** Pastors have developed a movie, book, and podcast 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**.



This summer, join **Together in the Word** Sunday School Class for a five-week video-based discussion via Zoom. There is no homework and each session stands alone. Sundays, July 12-August 9 from 9:50-11:00 AM. Contact Bart Henson (bartshenson@gmail.com) to receive a Zoom link.



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 <a href="mailto:mlp.mdpc.org">mlp.mdpc.org</a>.



Instagram and Pinterest are flooded with images of perfectly staged and photographed interiors that inspire, and maybe induce a bit of envy. We know that a real, lived-in home is often messy and in-progress. Still, we love to gaze upon beautiful dwellings. Christ wants to make his dwelling in our own heart. That messy, imperfect place of hopes and fears and sometimes ugliness. What can we learn from <a href="Ephesians 3:14-21">Ephesians 3:14-21</a> about creating a hospitable place for Christ not just in our homes, but in our own hearts?

- Christyn shared about discovering a love for small-budget design and decluttering in her 20's.
  What is one of your hobbies? How did you discover you had an affinity for it? What light does
  this shed on how God has wired you?
- 2. Take a few minutes to reacquaint yourself with the passage by reading aloud Ephesians 3:14-21. Ideally, two people can read from two different translations. What stands out to you from this reading? What do you like or not like? What questions do you have?
- 3. Paul begins by saying "For this reason, I bow...". What reason(s) is he talking about? (Hint: go read Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:1-22; 3:2-13. Yes, these are lengthy passages, and they will help tremendously in bearing witness to the reason Paul is full of awe and veneration.)
- 4. Based on this passage, Christyn identifies four things that can help us claim our hearts for Christ, creating a hospitable place for Him to dwell. The first is recognizing the hierarchy: God is on the throne; we are not. In what ways is this a comforting idea? How does it make moving through life challenging? How might submission to this idea in our hearts, the seat of our will, create a place of hospitality for Christ to dwell?
- 5. Second, Christyn extols the value of the "currency of love" in the kingdom of God. What does love mean to you? Do you find it challenging or easy to practice love out in the world? What obstacles do you encounter?
- 6. In what other currencies is your culture tempted to locate its value? How can your small group encourage one another to value and practice love over and above these other siren calls?
- 7. Third, we honor and invite Christ to dwell in our hearts through faith. Christyn suggested a synonym for faith: *trust*. What are two things you have entrusted to God? What are two things you struggle to trust Him with?
- 8. Finally, let's remember that God goes with us wherever we go: a Conversation Partner, Friend, Encourager, Truth-revealer. So, let's get to work! Take a minute to reflect and consider one practical take-away you'd like to carry with you this week. Would you be willing to share it with another? Prayerfully thank Jesus for taking up residence in our hearts, and ask Him for help with our take-aways.