

# BIBLICAL PRAYERS



## When We Face Opposition

John 17:9-21 | Dave Steane preaching

### 8:30 AM Service

July 19, 2020

Dave Steane preaching

[John 17:9-21](#)

#### Welcome & Call to Worship

Dan Aikins

#### Songs of Praise

*Your Grace Is Enough*

Matt Maher

*Because He Lives*

arr. Gaither

#### \*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Clay Brown

#### Songs of Response

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Trad.

#### Moment of Prayer

Dan Aikins

#### Song of Preparation

*Goodness of God*

Bethel Music

#### Message

*When We Face Opposition*

Dave Steane

#### Song of Response

*Goodness of God*

Bethel Music

#### Sharing Our Gifts & Benediction

Dave Steane

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## Sunday Worship Playlist

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9:45 AM Service

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Song of Praise

*One Thing Remains*

Bethel Music

Kids' Moment

Mayra Escamilla

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Clay Brown

Songs of Response

*Your Love Awakens*

Phil Wickham

*Goodness of God*

Bethel Music

Message

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Song of Response

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Moment of Prayer

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11:15 AM Service

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Two Hymn Preludes</i>	Dale Wood (1934-2003)
<b>Welcome and Call to Worship</b>		Dan Aikins
<b>Choral Introit</b>	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	arr. Richard Dirksen
<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	CORONATION
<b>Prayer of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>		Clay Brown
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>	from the Heidelberg Catechism	Clay Brown
<b>Congregational Response</b>	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Shut de Do', Keep Out the Devil</i>	arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Dan Aikins
<b>Anthem of Preparation</b>	<i>He Never Failed Me Yet</i>	Robert Ray (b. 1946)
<b>Message</b>	<i>When We Face Opposition</i>	Dave Steane
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	CRUSADERS' HYMN
<b>Sharing Our Gifts &amp; Benediction</b>		Dave Steane
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Randall DeBruyn

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

July 19, 2020

Even though we are not meeting in-person, there are still lots of opportunities to learn, to serve, and to fellowship. Check out some featured events below. For a complete listing of upcoming opps, visit [events.mdpc.org](https://events.mdpc.org).



**MDPC** is seeking its next class of Elders and Deacons. Who do you know who's equipped to lead our church into the new-normal future we're facing? Visit [nominations.mdpc.org](https://nominations.mdpc.org) to submit your nominations by August 25.



**MDPC's** annual MAM Back to School drive is happening now. Even if school looks different this fall, your gifts will go toward the greatest education-related need of local children from struggling families. Learn more and give [online](https://online.mdpc.org).

## 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](https://online.mdpc.org) to view weekly lessons.



Even in this time of social distancing we can develop new friendships and find deeper meaning in our personal interactions. Mentoring relationships are being facilitated through "Patio Chats." To learn all the details, visit [chats.mdpc.org](https://chats.mdpc.org).



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 through the month of July. Decisions about August 2 and following will be made following safety guidelines. Details at [open.mdpc.org](https://open.mdpc.org).



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 [app.mdpc.org](https://app.mdpc.org) to learn more.



This fall, **MDPC** will study the Book of ACTS, beginning the week of August 16, and will include existing Sunday School classes, Sunday morning pastor-led classes, and a Wednesday night small group. Visit [acts.mdpc.org](https://acts.mdpc.org) for details. No registration required.



The **MDPC** Café is serving up delicious prepared meals and daily specials for lunch and Wednesday dinners, with convenient takeout, curbside pickup, or limited delivery service. Check out the menu and order online at [cafe.mdpc.org](https://cafe.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 at [hebrews.mdpc.org](https://hebrews.mdpc.org).

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Today we continue our 2020 summer sermon series on Biblical Prayers. In John's gospel, chapter 17, we find a prayer offered by Jesus which is commonly known as *The High Priestly Prayer*. In His role as the ultimate High Priest, Jesus prayed this prayer just before entering the Garden of Gethsemane to begin His passion and eventual crucifixion.

*The High Priestly Prayer* is passionate, poetic, and reveals the concerns that flowed from the lips of Jesus as He faced the end of His life and earthly ministry. This prayer focuses on the unique and divine relationship between God the Father and God the Son, and on the current and future disciples who would bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In this prayer, Jesus acknowledged that His disciples would face opposition, even hatred, because of God's word and the disciples' counter-culture commitment to God's Kingdom values. As we live in an age where there is increasing hostility to Christians and the Christian Church, the words of Jesus are quite relevant, and we would be wise to learn from them.

- In [John 17:1-5](#), Jesus prayed and affirmed His oneness with God and how God has been glorified by His ministry. One of the essential tenets of the Christian faith is the Trinity, that there is one God in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. John 10:30 affirms this when Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." Reflect on your understanding of the Trinity. In what ways do you find it comforting? Confusing?
- In John [17:6-8](#), Jesus affirmed that He had taken what God had given Him and had manifested the truth of God to His disciples. Another essential tenet of the Christian faith is the Incarnation; that God became human in the person of Jesus Christ, in order to show humanity the true nature of God. By knowing Jesus, how have you experienced the vast and mysterious nature of God?
- The major focus of [Jesus' prayer](#) is on behalf of His current and future disciples. The first petition is a request that God would keep the disciples in God's Name. This is a prayer for identity. This is a prayer for protection. How do you understand being kept in God's Name? How does this shape your identity and perspective?
- The second petition is a request for unity. Jesus prays that "they may be one." Yet another essential tenet of the Christian faith is the unity of the Body of Christ (the Church.) This means that in Christ, we belong to the same spiritual family of faith, and are united by the one and only Savior, Jesus. In the midst of our current division and polarization, how have you experienced Christian unity? What strains it? How can you help toward strengthening it?
- The third petition is a prayer of protection from the evil one. Ironically, Jesus didn't ask that believers would be taken out of the world in order to remove them from any temptation or harm. Rather, He chose to have us remain in this world, but wanted us to be kept from the evil one. This reveals another essential tenet in that, as Christians, our true citizenship is not of this world, but of the heavenly realm. We are resident aliens and sojourners. But while we're in this world, we become engaged in a spiritual battle. In what ways have you engaged in this battle? What would you consider your (God's) victories?
- The final petition in our text is a prayer for God to sanctify the disciples in God's truth. Sanctification is also an essential tenet in that it describes the work of God in our lives to transform us gradually toward holiness. Sometimes this work is painful as God prunes unhealthy branches from our lives. Sometimes this work is joyful as God calls us and gifts us to do amazing Kingdom work. What has been your experience with God's sanctification?

