



ALL

Together

Life Together | Acts 2:42-47
Alf Halvorson preaching

8:30 AM Service

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Alf Halvorson preaching

[Acts 2:42-47](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dan Aikins

Songs of Praise

*Great Things
Come Thou Fount*

Phil Wickham
arr. Gómez

***Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

Dave Steane

Song of Response

Amazing Grace

Trad.

Moment of Prayer

Dan Aikins

Song of Preparation

So Will I (100 Billion X)

Hillsong United

Message

Life Together

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

So Will I (100 Billion X)/Doxology

Hillsong United/Trad

Opportunity to Give & Benediction

Alf Halvorson



Sunday Worship Playlist

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Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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9:45 AM Service

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Meliza Gómez

Song of Praise

Great Things

Phil Wickham

Kids' Moment

Children's Ministry

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Kelly Quarando

Song of Response *Amazing Grace/So Will I (100 Billion X)*

Trad./Hillsong United

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Prelude

Petite Suite

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dan Aikins

Choral Introit

Joined Together as One Body

James Biery (b. 1956)

***Hymn of Praise**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

Amanda Grace Caldwell

Anthem *Fulfilled in One Word (from Every Purpose Under the Heaven)*

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Pastoral Prayer

Dan Aikins

Anthem of Preparation *All Who Dwell In The Shelter of the Lord*

Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

Message

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***Hymn of Response**

O For a World

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Opportunity to Give & Benediction

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Postlude

Fanfare

Nicolas J. Lemmens (1823-1881)

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, August 30, 2020

It's the last week of Kickoff Sunday, and even though it looks differently this year, there are still many programs and studies starting up again. Look over the featured opportunities here, or to view all upcoming events, visit events.mdpc.org.



MDPC's annual MAM Back to School drive is happening now, and your support is needed this year more than ever! Please visit mambs.mdpc.org to learn more and support local kids.



Waiting for anything can be difficult, but, as believers, we know it's not useless (1 Cor. 15:58). Join us as we write our way through. Sign up [here](#) for this class led by Leigh McLeroy, Beth Case, and Amanda Grace Caldwell.



Even in these difficult times, our MDPC Mission Partners are still hard at work providing needed services to their clients and sharing the love of Jesus. To hear some of their stories, visit stories.mdpc.org.



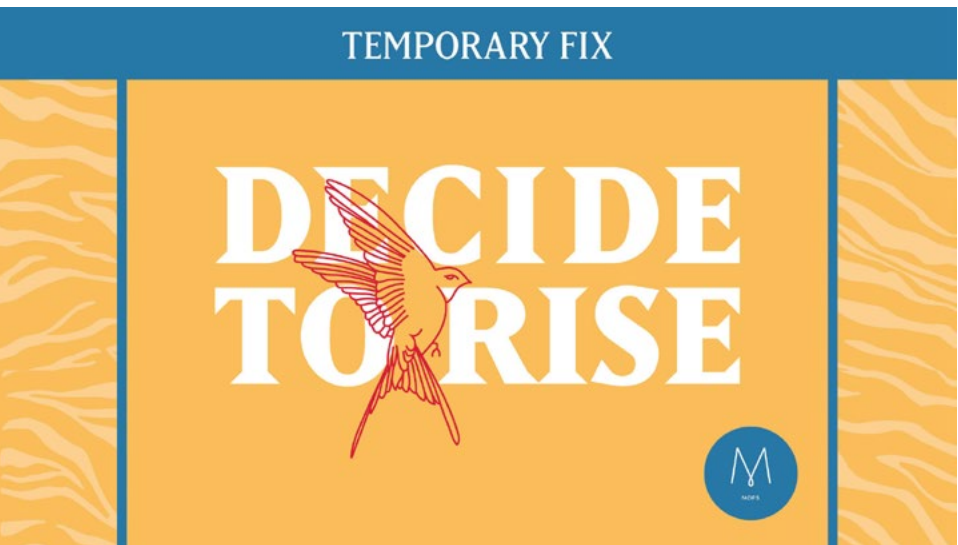
This three-part book discussion is on [One Blood](#), what *Christianity Today* describes as, "civil rights hero [John Perkins]... 'final manifesto' on race and the church's call to unity." Check out the book and [join us](#) via Zoom starting September 14.



Our church family has so many stories of God's faithfulness and action and presence...we want them to be heard. Life Is More is an effort to collect these stories to encourage individuals, and to grow the Kingdom. Will you share? Visit lifeismore.mdpc.org to learn more.



The Venturers will meet virtually on September 14 with guest speaker Pastor Alf, whose message will focus on loneliness and isolation. All 50+ folks are invited to join via Facebook Live. For membership and event information, visit seniors.mdpc.org.



Our MOPS program this fall will be adapted to the needs of this time and adequately called, "MOPS: Temporary Fix." We hope all Mothers Of Preschoolers will join us! See what's on offer and sign up at mops.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.



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.



Children's Ministries Sunday School is moving to YouTube! We will have Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary Kids on our YouTube channel from 10:45-11:15 AM for our Preschool and Elementary Kids. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Join us this fall for Men's Life: Never Alone, an impactful 11-week uncovering the realities of loneliness in America and what men can do about it. These should be life-changing conversations! Learn more and sign up at ml.mdpc.org.



This is the second in our four-part kickoff sermon series on Acts [chapter 2](#) and [chapter 8](#). The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost; the Apostle Peter preached a dramatic sermon to the crowd; many received and welcomed the Good News. Now what? What happens next? There are 3,000 brand new believers, who really are just *infants* in the faith. What is recommended for tomorrow? Next week? Next month? Next year? Those are the questions our text for today addresses.

1. Have you ever had something big happen to you, but it was hard to sustain it? You didn't want your zeal to flag or end up being superficial in your commitment or follow through. What did you do (or not do)?
2. Read [Acts 2:42-47](#). What were the Spiritual Disciplines that the first Christians practiced? Differentiate each one. How would you describe the community? Was it austere or joyous or reverent or some combination of several emotions?
3. I talked in my sermon from Dallas Willard's book, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, about the difference between "trying" and "training." What is an example of each from your life? What does it mean for you that the first Christians "devoted themselves" (vs. 42) to the disciplines described in this passage? Which are you strong at right now? Which weak? Are you balanced or "off-kilter" in your responses to the Gospel based on the picture I drew on a white board during my message?
4. In verse 47, a faithful translation could be something like, "they were praising God and everyone liked them—or the disciples enjoyed the favor of all the people around them." Is that typical of Christians today? Why or why not? What would have to change for most people in society to have that attitude toward followers of Jesus today?
5. Further, verse 47 stated God "kept adding" to their midst those who "were being saved." What does "kept adding" and "being saved" mean to you? We keep growing in our maturity and in our witness to others. We have not "arrived," yet. This fall, how might you train to keep growing in your knowledge of Christ and your service in His name? As you close, pray for each other in your group.