

Radical

JOY

Matthew 13:44-46

8:30 AM Service

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Alf Halvorson preaching

[Matthew 13:44-46](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Songs of Praise

Here for You
All Creatures of Our God and King

Matt Redman

Chris Tomlin

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Lyndsey Dottavio

Baptism

The Roberts Family

Song of Response

What a Beautiful Name

Brooke Ligertwood

Moment of Prayer

Dave Steane

Song of Preparation

At Your Name

Phil Wickham

Message

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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

Michael Middleton

Song of Praise

Found in You

Paul Baloche

Kids' Moment

Children's Ministries

*Moment of Confession & Assurance

Anthony Lane

Baptism

The Roberts Family

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Prelude	<i>Prelude on Psalm 23:4</i>	Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dave Steane
Choral Introit	<i>Let a Joyful Song Arise</i>	Carl Nygard (b.1947)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	O STORE GUD
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Christyn Knoop
*Affirmation of Faith	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20	
Baptism	The Roberts Family	
Anthem	<i>O Be Joyful in the Lord</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
Pastoral Prayer		Dave Steane
Anthem of Preparation	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
Message	Radical Joy	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	NEED
Opportunity to Give & Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Toccatino</i>	Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

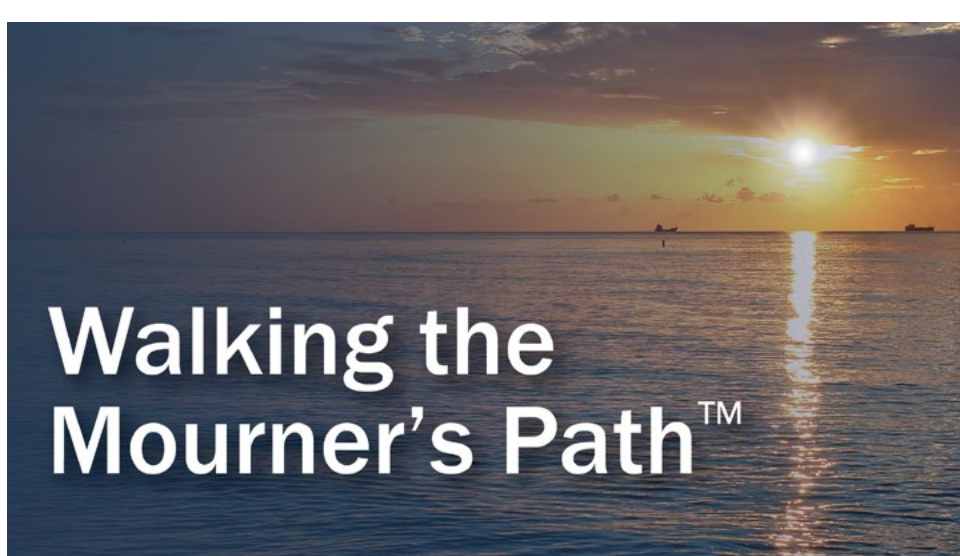
To see more events at MDPC, visit events.mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of September 13, 2020

2020 Annual Budget	\$12,300,000
Income to Date	\$6,678,288
Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,621,712



REACH classes this fall include Yoga, Tumbling & Gymnastics, Abrakadoodle, Piano, Tap & Jazz, Chess, and the MDPC seasonal favorite Gingerbread House Event! Learn more and sign up at reach.mdpc.org.



While there is no timeline to grief, there is always hope. Walking the Mourner's Path is a Christ-centered eight-week grief program designed to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Learn more at grief.mdpc.org.



In just two hours, you could enjoy a better relationship with your spouse! Plan to be at this year's special marriage "retreat" on September 26, when Brett and Kellie Hurst guide a Zoom session designed for all ages and all stages of marriage. Visit staycay.mdpc.org to learn more and sign up.



Begin the conversation by engaging with one another - every voice belongs at this table so that we can become the people we were created to be. Four nights over two weeks in October, via Zoom. Visit workshop.mdpc.org to learn more.



Ladies, are you tired of waiting? For a nap, for a breakthrough, to be seen, to be heard? Join us at The Well on October 14 where we'll hear Jenny Nettles, Barbara Mueller, Stella Chen, and Rosy Silva share stories of how God has met them in their "waiting." Learn more and RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org



So many people right now are searching. With social distractions taken away, they wonder, *Is what's left ... all there is?* Share with them the chance to ask questions and look for answers with folks experiencing the same doubts. Share Alpha. Starts September 22 via Zoom. Learn more: alpha.mdpc.org



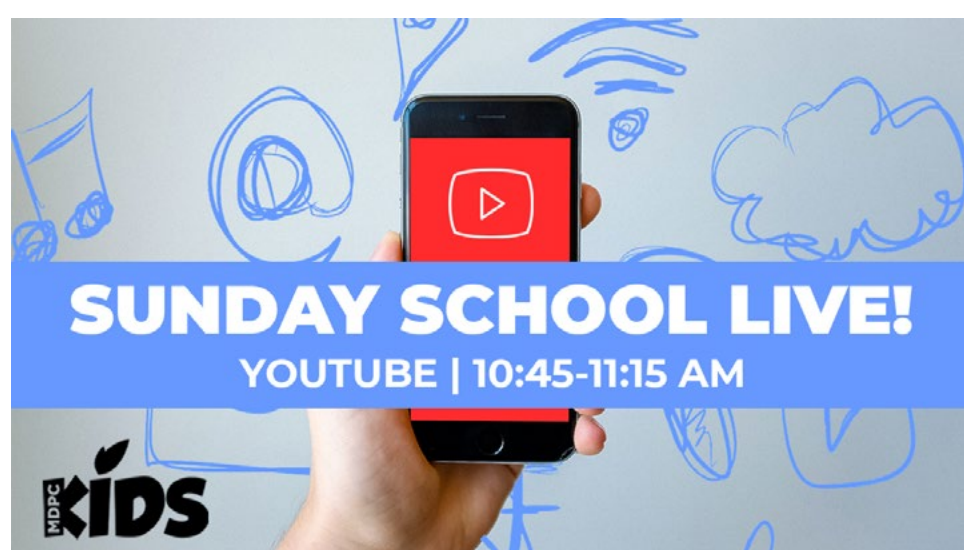
There's a NEW opportunity to help others through our local ministry partner, The FORGE for Families. Help can be as simple as writing a note of encouragement! Learn more at action.mdpc.org.



MDPC is hosting another blood drive for Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Both MDPC and the blood bank are taking every precaution suggested by the CDC. Blood donations by appointment only, please. Register at blooddrive.mdpc.org.



Two all-new courses to choose from begin September 23 via Zoom. Pastor Clay Brown will teach on *Apologetics*, and Laurien Hook on *Theology For Everyone*. Learn more and sign up at theologymatters.mdpc.org.



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 for an outdoor showing of the movie *Trolls: World Tour*, on the MDPC Ball Field! Social distancing measures must be observed. Learn more and register your family at movie.mdpc.org.



This is the second in our *Radical* Series that will take us through Covenant Sunday on November 1. Last week we looked at suffering and Evil; it is gracious of God and the Gospel of Matthew to have the parables immediately following the Wheat and the Weeds Story centered on the topic of *Joy*. “Weeping might linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning,” says Psalm 30:5.

1. Read [Matthew 13:44-46](#). These short, simple, parables are similar. How are they similar? Note: Someone discovers something of precious and compelling value and sells everything in order to obtain it. You’ve done that before, haven’t you? Share one or two stories of when you have done just that in your life.
 2. How are these two parables dissimilar or different? What does it mean that one stumbled upon the treasure and another was searching for it? Have you been more of a “seeker,” or have you been surprised by God finding you? Explain.
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1. What does it cost each person, whether they stumbled upon the precious commodity or were seeking it? How might this relate to [Matthew 10:38-39](#)? How can we “lose our lives” to “gain our lives”?
 2. According to Matthew 13:44, what is the motivation for the action to “sell all to buy the field”? Which comes first, the cost or the joy? Why is that important, according to my sermon? The Grace/Joy and the demand of the Gospel are both shown here. How does Jesus’ example from Hebrews 12:1-3 reinforce and clarify this idea? What are the “joys” of the Good News in your life?
 3. Where are you being invited because of the Joy of the Kingdom to sell something, to sacrifice something, to surrender something seemingly significant? How will that *means* invariably produce a worthier *end*? Do the hard thing for the joy set before you!

