

The Disciples | Matthew 14:22-33
Alf Halvorson preaching

8:30 AM Service

Sunday, January 17, 2021

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

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| Welcome & Call to Worship | | Beth Case |
| Songs of Praise | <i>How Marvelous</i> | TRADITIONAL |
| | <i>I Stand Amazed</i> | TRADITIONAL |
| *Prayer of Confession & Assurance | | Clay Brown |
| Song of Response | <i>Amazing Grace</i> | |
| Moment of Prayer | | Dave Steane |
| Song of Preparation | <i>Nothing But the Blood</i> | Matt Redman |
| Message | Out On the Water: The Disciples <i>Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)</i> | Alf Halvorson |
| Song of Response | <i>You Keep Hope Alive</i> | Tauren Wells |
| Offering & Benediction | | Alf Halvorson |

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Out on the Water

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9:45 AM Service
Sunday, January 17, 2021 [Matthew 14:22-33](#)

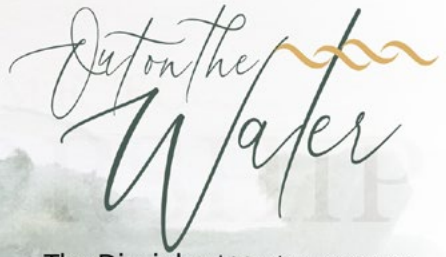
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| Welcome & Call to Worship | | Meliza Gómez |
| Song of Praise | <i>Song of Hope</i> | Robbie Seay |
| Kids' Moment | | Children's Ministries |
| Moment of Confession & Assurance | | Hillary McMullen |
| Songs of Response | <i>Tremble</i> <i>Man of Sorrows</i> | Mosaic Jad Gillies |
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11:15 AM Service

Sunday, January 10, 2021

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| Prelude | <i>Fantasia in A Major</i> | César Franck (1822-1890) |
| Welcome & Call to Worship | | Beth Case |
| Choral Introit | <i>Let All the World in Every Corner Sing from Five Mystical Songs</i> | R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) |
| *Hymn of Praise | <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> | FAITHFULNESS |
| *Prayer of Confession and Assurance | | Amanda Grace Caldwell |
| *Affirmation of Faith | from Romans 8 | |
| *Congregational Response | <i>The Gloria Patri</i> | Hymn #579 |
| Anthem | <i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i> | Dan Forrest (b.1978) |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Dave Steane |
| Anthem of Preparation | <i>We Walk by Faith</i> | Jan Sanborn (b.1958) |
| Message | Out On the Water: The Disciples <i>Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)</i> | Alf Halvorson |
| *Hymn of Response | <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> | BRADBURY |
| Offering & Benediction | | Alf Halvorson |
| Postlude | <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> | arr. Don Wyrzten (b.1942) |

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

GIVING: MDPC did make their 2020 budget. Weekly 2021 financial updates will be printed in the bulletin after Session approves the budget in late January. Online giving is available at give.mdpc.org.

Theology Matters

Rev. Dr. Clay Brown and Adult Studies Director Laurien Hook bring you two new courses! Experience one of the four-part series (*Sacraments: Visible Signs, Invisible Grace* or *The Story of Christianity*) via Zoom. To learn more and register, visit theologymatters.mdpc.org.

Alpha

alpha.mdpc.org

Alpha is for everyone. It breaks down distance (and social distancing) barriers by meeting online to explore life, faith, and meaning. No question or comment is out of bounds, and you're free to say as much or as little as you wish. To sign up for the next session starting February 2: alpha.mdpc.org

Walking the Mourner's Path™

New Dates

Does it seem like you should be over your grief? While there is no timeline to grief, there is always hope. Join us Thursdays, Jan. 28-March 18 (3:00-4:30 PM on Zoom) for this Christ-centered program designed to help those dealing with loss. Trained facilitators guide the group. [Email Beverly Fluke](mailto:Bev@mdpc.org) to sign up.

CONNECTION

MDPC youth

CONNECTION is our Sunday program for Middle and High School students where we come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. 11:15 AM in the Youth Loft; more info at connection.mdpc.org.

MDPC Counseling Ministries

Need a soft place to land? Unsure of where to go next? Learn more about our short-term counseling ministry by emailing **MDPC** counselor-in-residence Amanda Grace Caldwell, or visit counseling.mdpc.org.

SAVE THE DATE

citc.mdpc.org

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CHURCH IN THE CITY

February 26-28, 2021

Church in the City is back! Our fellow Houstonians can use your help this year more than ever. Save the dates and keep an eye on citc.mdpc.org.

TARGET LOCKED!
LASER TAG & GAME TRUCK

MDPC BOYS NIGHT

2nd-5th Grade Boys, start off 2021 with a zap! **MDPC** Kids is pumped to host a Boys' Game Night on Saturday, January 30 (4:00-6:00 PM on the MDPC Field). [Sign up now](https://events.mdpc.org) for Laser Tag, Video Games in a Game Truck, 9 Square, and pizza!

FACE TO FACE with Christ

MEN'S LIFE SPRING TRAINING

Men, join us from anywhere for a four-week course that'll reconnect you with our Savior. Tuesdays mornings this February. Details and registration at ml.mdpc.org.

MDPC IN ACTION

Can You Spare an Hour?

MDPC's fast-paced Saturday food pantry can use your helping hands, even if it's just for an hour or two. Shifts are flexible and you'll be put right to work! Learn more and sign up at action.mdpc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIVE

YouTube | 10:45-11:15 AM

Children's Ministries Sunday School is now on 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](https://kidslive.mdpc.org) to learn more.

Children's Sunday School and Childcare

Sunday childcare currently is available for children five and under. Visit children.mdpc.org to see our Sunday morning health and safety protocols. For The Galaxy elementary Sunday school, just text Galaxy F2F to the number 94000 so we know you are coming!



This is the second (and final) in our short New Year’s series on [Matthew 14:22-33](#). Last week, we gleaned from the text these insights: It is often when we are obedient that we find ourselves in the *storm*; that Jesus doesn’t always seem to come when we call, but that He is never late; and finally, that even in failure, Peter learns to trust Jesus more—and the result is that all those in the boat worship Him. This Sunday, we look at two other facets of this jewel of a passage. One focuses on the idea that from a distance, Christ can only be a scary “ghost.” And two, if and when we move toward Christ or allow Him to move toward us, He appears bigger and more able to handle our life and world. We get clarity and our faith expands exponentially.

1. From last week’s sermon and this week’s study, what happened here so that the disciples moved from thinking Jesus was a “ghost” in verse 26 to worshipping Him as the “Son of God” in verse 33? When and how have you, like Peter, moved toward Jesus? And when and how have you allowed Jesus to move toward and get close to you? Are there certain tools or practices or disciplines that help toward this end?
2. Why are perceptions of Jesus and following Him always skewed and out of focus from a distance? Or, to put it in another way, why must the specific Jesus meet you in your particular and real life—rather than a remote Lord call to you from some general and far-away place and attempt to connect to your theoretical or general existence?
3. In Verses 32 and 33, puny faith becomes full-throated worship and growing trust. Place yourself in Peter’s shoes. Then place yourself in the place of the disciples in the boat. Why is community so important in coming to Christ and also growing in Christ (justification and sanctification)? How can we play off of each other as together we seek to know and follow our Savior and Lord?
4. Finally, how has this text (and discussion of it) helped you know how to approach 2021, perhaps differently from 2020? How and where is God leading you that will require you to risk, to get out of the boat, to answer “Okay, I’ll go” to Jesus’ command of “Come with Me”? Pray for each other as you share your answers.

