



A Quick Start Guide to Life

## 8:30 AM Service

Sunday, January 31, 2021

*ONE & TWO*

Exodus 20:3-6

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

Dave Steane

**Songs of Praise**

*Here for You  
To God Be the Glory*

Matt Redman  
arr. Crosby

**\*Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

Clay Brown

**Songs of Response**

*Cornerstone*

Hillsong Worship

**Officer Ordination & Installation** (Pre-recorded)

**Moment of Prayer**

Dave Steane

**Song of Preparation**

*The Passion*

Hillsong Worship

**Message**

**The Big Ten: ONE & TWO**  
*Exodus 20:3-6 (NRSV)*

Alf Halvorson

**Song of Response**

*How Great Is Our God*

Chris Tomlin

**Opportunity to Give & Benediction**

Alf Halvorson

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## Sunday Worship Playlist

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

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# the **BIGTEN**

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**9:45 AM Service**

Sunday, January 31, 2021

*ONE & TWO*

Exodus 20:3-6

**Invitation to Worship**

Meliza Gómez

**Song of Praise**

*Won't Stop Now*

Elevation Worship

**Kids' Moment**

Children's Ministries

**Moment of Confession & Assurance**

Beth Case

**Songs of Response**

*Cornerstone*  
*King of Kings*

Hillsong Worship

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**Message**

**The Big Ten: ONE & TWO**

*Exodus 20:3-6 (NRSV)*

Alf Halvorson

**Song of Response**

*How Great Is Our God*

Chris Tomlin

**Officer Ordination & Installation** (Pre-recorded)

**Moment of Prayer**

Dan Aikins

**Opportunity to Give & Benediction**

Alf Halvorson

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**11:15 AM Service**  
Sunday, January 31, 2021

**ONE & TWO**  
**Exodus 20:3-6**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Gavotte and Waltz from Five Pieces</i>	Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)
<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b>		Amy Delgado
<b>Choral Introit</b>	<i>O God, Beyond All Praising</i>	Holst (1874-1934)/Proulx
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	EIN FESTE BURG
<b>*Prayer of Confession and Assurance</b>		Beth Case
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>If You Love Me</i>	Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
<b>Officer Ordination &amp; Installation</b>	(Pre-recorded)	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Beth Case
<b>Anthem of Preparation</b>	<i>You Alone Are God</i>	Mary McDonald/arr. White
<b>Message</b>	<b>The Big Ten: ONE &amp; TWO</b> <i>Exodus 20:3-6 (NRSV)</i>	Alf Halvorson
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	TERRA BEATA
<b>Opportunity to Give &amp; Benediction</b>		Alf Halvorson
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Chaconne</i>	Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

To see more events at **MDPC**, visit [events.mdpc.org](https://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](https://give.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](https://alpha.mdpc.org)



Texas is number one in the U.S. in food insecurity for children. You can help make sure there is one less hungry tummy! Come make sandwiches at **MDPC** for Kids' Meals. Learn more and sign up at [kidsmeals.mdpc.org](https://kidsmeals.mdpc.org).



High schoolers: Join **MDPC** Youth for a fun few days to recharge/recenter your focus and faith with amazing speakers, awesome worship, and fun activities such as high ropes, s'mores, canoeing, archery, and more. It'll be three days well spent! [Click here](#) to sign up.



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](https://connection.mdpc.org).



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](https://counseling.mdpc.org).



Church in the City is back! Our fellow Houstonians can use your help this year more than ever. Sign up now for one of several projects at [citc.mdpc.org](https://citc.mdpc.org).

This year there also are take-home kits you can choose to do on their own, or in addition to working on an on-site project.



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](https://ml.mdpc.org).



**MDPC** Children's Ministries is excited to offer Virtual AWANA! It's a scripturally-based, high-energy, and relationship-focused Bible Study for K through 5th grade. (Kaleidoscope, our Special Needs Ministry, offers AWANA up to 17 years of age.) Visit [awana.mdpc.org](https://awana.mdpc.org).



**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](https://action.mdpc.org).



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](#) to learn more.



Sunday childcare currently is available for children five and under. Visit [children.mdpc.org](https://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 in our series leading all the way up to and through Palm Sunday on the Ten Commandments. Last week we discovered that the Lawgiver, God, is first the Deliverer in Exodus 20:1-2. God brought the people out of Egypt and thus can be trusted. The same One who freed them now wants them to stay free as they move forward. That is why the Ten Commandments are given. We will look at Commandments One and Two today.

1. Read [Exodus 20:1-17](#). I said to start my sermon, “The other nine commandments speak of *acts* you should or should not do, but the First Commandment mandates a certain kind of *relationship*.” What kind of relationship is offered? Meditate on verse 3, and verses 1-2 before it, for a few moments. What is your initial and possibly your second reaction to this first commandment? How is this command different from the rest?
  
2. In my sermon, I said the phrase, “you shall have no other gods before Me” could mean one of two things: either “you shall have none other but Me” because there is only one true God or “you shall have no other gods before My face,” meaning no other person or thing must be allowed to get in between this first and primary relationship. In your mind, is one explanation right and the other wrong, or could both be true? How might each sin show itself in the 21st Century? And in your life?
  
3. Now read Exodus 20:4-6. There seem to be three prohibitions followed by a motivational clause. What are the three things we must *not* do? And why in the explanation section does God tell us to not make those mistakes? “Jealous” here means *zealous* or *loyal* or *committed*. Is that a good trait of God or, in your mind, a suspect one? Note: In the sermon I tried to suggest if a husband came home with a second woman and said she was going to be part of the family going forward, it would be reasonable for the wife to say, “No. You have to decide; it is either me or her,” and that this statement would not be unfair, cruel, or intolerant. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
  
4. In verses 5-6, it seems to suggest positive and negative actions of parents are often carried down into the next generations. Have you seen that happen in families? Share some examples. For how long are iniquities passed down? And for how long are positive actions and attributes passed on according to the text? Is the scale tipped toward punishment or toward love and mercy?
  
5. The first two commandments complement each other or, to put it another way, the second is a natural extension of the first. What is your takeaway from this week’s sermon and wrestling with the issues of “having no gods before the One True God” and “no idols”? Are there any idols you need to de-throne? How can Christ help us avoid idolatry but also overcome the problem of an invisible God?