

Welcome to MDPC!



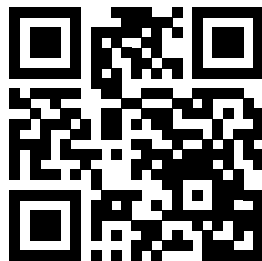
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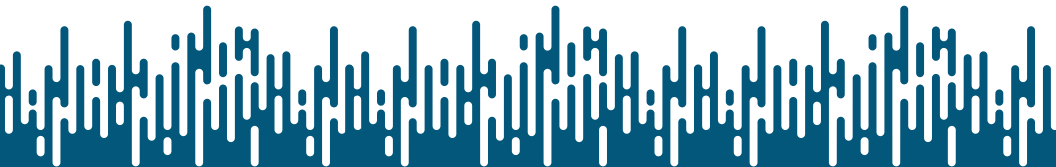
Guest Registry

5 quick questions to help us get to know you better!



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8:30 AM Service
Sunday, May 2, 2021

Part 4: Jesus Appears to the Disciples
[John 20:19-31 \(NRSV\)](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship		Beth Case
Songs of Praise	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i> <i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Matt Maher TRADITIONAL
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Brett Hurst
Baptism	Susman Family	
Moment of Prayer		Beth Case
Songs of Preparation	<i>Death Was Arrested/Blessed Assurance</i>	arr. Gómez
Message	DOUBT: Part 4 <i>John 20:19-31 (NRSV)</i>	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	TRADITIONAL
Opportunity to Give & Benediction		Alf Halvorson

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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	<i>Found in You</i>	Vertical Church
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Christyn Knoop
Baptism	Susman Family	
Songs of Preparation	<i>Death Was Arrested/Blessed Assurance</i>	arr. Gómez
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11:15 AM Service
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Prelude	<i>Fantasy in G Minor</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Beth Case
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 3 TRUST AND OBEY
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Rachel Poysky
*Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed		
Baptism	Susman Family	
Anthem	<i>My Faith</i>	John Purifoy (b.1952)/arr. White
Pastoral Prayer		Beth Case
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Peace I Give to You</i>	Craig Courtney (b.1948)
Message	DOUBT: Part 4 <i>John 20:19-31 (NRSV)</i>	Alf Halvorson
Hymn of Response	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	#316; Vs. 1, 2 TRENTHAM
Opportunity to Give & Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Ceremonial Procession</i>	Raymond H. Haan (b.1938)

Musicians in this service:

Charles Hausmann, conductor; Bill Lundgren, violonist; Kathryn White, pianist/organist

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of April 25, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 2,757,673
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 8,542,327



7th & 8th Grade: San Antonio, Texas

May 30-June 5 • Blueprint Ministries

High School: John Brown University (June 14-19) and/or **WayForward in Colorado** (June 26-July 2)

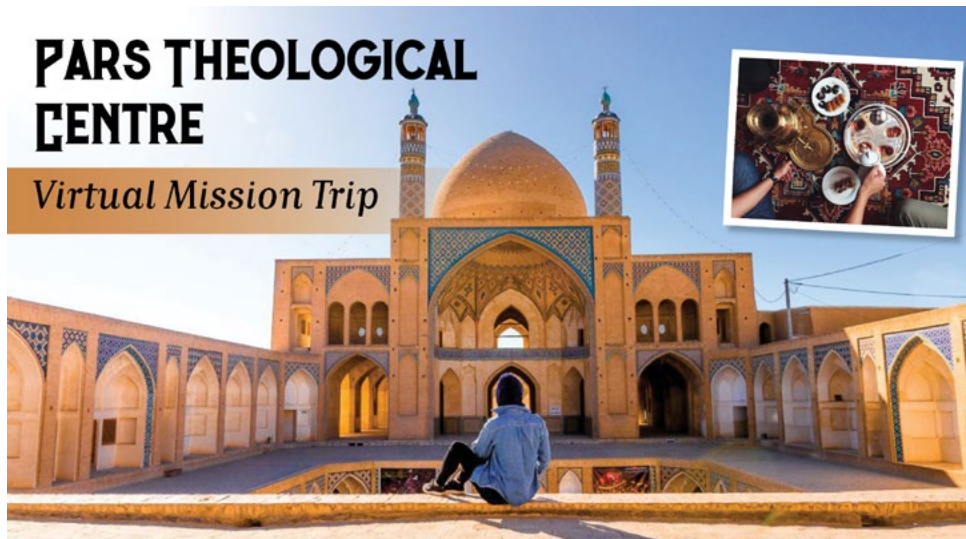
6th Grade: Houston, Texas

June 25-26 • A weekend of serving our hometown



Monday-Friday, July 12-16 • 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

This week-long event is for elementary kids, but we need lots of adult and teen volunteers to make it a success! No teaching is required, and we have roles for every person's unique gifts. Visit summercel.mdpc.org to find out more.



Saturday, May 22 • 10:00-11:30 AM

Did you know that Iran is hosting the fastest growing church in the world? Come learn about the ways God is at work among the Iranian people on a virtual mission trip! Learn more and sign up at virtualtrip.mdpc.org.



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!



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.



Tuesdays, May 4-June 8 • 7:30-7:45 AM

Need a jumpstart in the morning? Join us for a brief devotional Zoom time led by the Men's Life at MDPC team. Register at mlmoments.mdpc.org to be sent the Zoom invitation.



Ladies, connect with God and connect with others this summer! With **day and evening, weekday and weekend events from May to August**, there's something for everyone. Learn more and sign up at stc.mdpc.org.



Friday, May 14 • 8:00-9:00 PM

Join Kellie & Brett Hurst for a virtual date night. Bring your dinner, glass of wine, or dessert to your computer screen and enjoy some good conversation. \$10 donation per couple. [Make your reservation](#) now!



From caring for a loved one with dementia to grief support and more, **MDPC Caring Ministries** and its partners continue to offer support, even if it has to be "virtual." To learn more, visit caring.mdpc.org.



Research shows certain marriage prep programs to be particularly effective at preventing divorce, lowering the risk by as much as 75%. **Married Life Prep** is approved by *Together in Texas*, so program graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! The next 4-week class **starts July 11**.



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.

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Part 4: *Jesus Appears to the Disciples* • [John 20:19-31 \(NRSV\)](#)

This is the fourth message in our five-week spring series on *faith* and *doubt*. Thomas gets a bad nickname for all time (“Doubting Thomas”) because he did not believe (he could not believe) at first. However, he was able to work through his doubt and come out on the other side with maybe the greatest profession of faith in all of Scripture. How did that happen? Why did that change occur? What can we learn from his mistake and his correction? From what we see in his words and actions, he did *not* become or remain double-minded (in Greek, *dipsychos*, which I talked about last Sunday from James 1).

1. What has been your biggest insight so far in our faith and doubt series? What questions do you still have that have not been answered? How might you go about finding solid answers or resolution for your doubt(s)?
2. In John 20:1-18, Mary Magdalene first sees the empty tomb and then meets the risen Christ. She tells the disciples and John and Peter run to the tomb to confirm her words. Then Jesus appears to Mary and tells her to go announce certain things to the other disciples. Read [John 20:19-31](#). First focus on verses 19-23. What day is it? What time is it? Where does this appearance of Christ occur? Why is the door locked? And finally, what does Jesus say to them, what does He show them, and what does He give them?
3. Focus on verses 24-25. What do the disciples say to Thomas? Does it convince him? Why or why not, do you think?
4. Attend to verses 26-29. What is the same and what is different about this scenario one week later? What did Jesus say to Thomas? What is Thomas' response? Why is that response such an amazing profession of faith? And what gentle rebuke does Jesus offer to Thomas and other potential followers?
5. In my sermon, I talked about one virtue Thomas had and one mistake he made. Where can we learn from his example? Where might you believe or trust (put your weight down on the faithfulness of God's word) even if you can't *see*? (vs. 29)
6. Verses 30-31 close out the passage. What do these words say the purpose of this Book is? Is the goal good or bad, life or death? Why does this postscript matter here and to you personally?

