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Alf Halvorson preaching • Proverbs 19:17



8:30 AM Service Sunday, May 16, 2021 Pastor Alf Halvorson preaching <u>Proverbs 19:17 (NRSV)</u>

Welcome & Call to Worship		Dave Steane
Songs of Praise	Your Grace Is Enough How Great Is Our God	Matt Maher Chris Tomlin
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Brett Hurst
Song of Response	In Christ Alone	arr. Getty
Moment of Prayer		Dave Steane
Song of Preparation	Fresh Wind/Spirit	Hillsong Worship/Traditional
Message	Lending to the Lord Proverbs 19:17 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	The Blessing	Elevation Worship
Opportunity to Give & Benediction		Alf Halvorson

Lending Lord

Sunday Worship Playlist

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LEGACY GIVING BUILDING TOMORROW TODAY

Pastor Alf Halvorson preaching

9:45 AM Service Sunday, May 16, 2021

Welcome & Call to Worship

Song of Praise

Message

Never Gonna Stop

Children's Moment Songs of Preparation

Battle Belongs Fresh Wind Spirit of the Living God

> Lending to the Lord Proverbs 19:17 (NRSV)

> > The Blessing

Song of Response Moment of Prayer

Opportunity to Give & Benediction

Meliza Gómez

Proverbs 19:17 (NRSV)

Jesus Culture

Phil Wickham Hillsong Worship Traditional

Alf Halvorson

Elevation Worship

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11:15 AM Service Sunday, May 16, 2021

Pastor Alf Halvorson preaching Proverbs 19:17 (NRSV)

Prelude	With Verdure Clad (from "The Creati	on") Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)	
Welcome and Call to WorshipDave Steane			
Choral Introit	Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven	n Carl Freeman (b. 1955)	
*Hymn of Praise	The Church's One Foundation	#442; Vs. 1, 4 Aurelia	
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Amy Delgado	
*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles' Creed			
Anthem	Give to My Eyes, Lord	Ronald Corp (b. 1951)	
Pastoral Prayer		Dave Steane	
Anthem of Prepar	ation The Beatitudes	James Biery (b. 1956)	
Message	Lending to the Lord Proverbs 19:17 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson	
*Hymn of Respons	Se To God Be the Glory #48	85; Vs. 1 To God Be the Glory	
Opportunity to Give & Benediction		Alf Halvorson	
Postlude	Now Winter Fades from Sight	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)	

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Sue Ofield, guest organist

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Sunday, May 16, 2021

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of May 9, 2021

- 2021 Annual Budget \$ Income to Date \$ Needed to Meet Budget \$
- \$ 11,300,000 \$ 3,531,870 \$ 7,768,130



Sunday, May 16 • 10:00 AM-2:15 PM

As we follow Christ's call to love our neighbors, blood donations continue to be highly important! To help with COVID protocols, register for a time slot at **blooddrive.mdpc.org**.



NEXT Sunday, May 23 • 9:45 COMBINED, 11:15 AM (Spanish) Plan to be here for an OUTDOOR worship experience! The 8:30 and 9:45 services will be combined into one service at 9:45 AM. Visit <u>outdoor.mdpc.org</u> to learn 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 <u>virtualtrip.mdpc.org</u>.



Wednesday, May 26 • 10:00 AM

Preschoolers, grab your parent to come assemble "Sweet Packages" for our friends at Mission of Yahweh! Lunch will be provided. Please register at <u>kids.mdpc.org</u> to let us know you're coming.



Training Begins this Fall • Apply by August 16

Have you found that people trust you to listen to their struggles? Do you enjoy supporting, caring and praying for others? If so, consider becoming a Stephen Minister! Learn more



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 <u>summercel.mdpc.org</u> to find out more.





Sundays, July 11-August 1, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Research shows marriage prep programs can be particularly effective at preventing divorce - plus, MLP's approved by *Twogether in Texas*, so graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! Go to **mlp.mdpc.org** to learn more.



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



CONNECTION is our Sunday program for Middle and High



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 <u>stc.mdpc.org</u>.



Sunday, childrary, currently, is available for children five and

School students where we come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. 11:15 AM in the Youth Loft; more info at <u>connection.mdpc.org</u>.

under. Visit <u>children.mdpc.org</u> 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!

SERMON NOTES by Pastor Alf Halvorson

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On this Legacy Sunday, we think of much more than our annual budget. Elton Trueblood, the Quaker Theologian who also was chaplain at Stanford and Harvard Universities, once said, "A society grows great when old men plant trees, whose shade they know they will never sit under." We have our normal budget and your pledges and weekly giving that support it; however, we also have Legacy Giving that allows us with our wills and estate planning (plus some choosing to *give while they live*) to support initiatives above and beyond the yearly budget—like safe parking lots for our children and a Young Adult and Galaxy Rooms redux; and new "wind of the spirit" initiatives (like the MDPC Speaker Series or scholarships for mission trips) that the budget could not launch on its own.

Scripture invites us to give, not primarily out of duty or habit or guilt or judgment or peer pressure. We give based on gratitude for all we have received, so that we can help others in genuine need and as part of our spiritual relationship with God. The Bible challenges us to give generously, cheerfully, and regularly, although a Legacy Gift might be the once and significant final commitment to show our family and friends and God what matters most to us.

- 1. Read Prov. 19:17. Are the poor just those who struggle financially, or could the verse include those who are poor emotionally, physically, socially, and/or spiritually? How does the wider definition of poverty broaden the invitation for you?
- 2. Read Prov. 28:27 in the NIV Version. Who receives a curse? How might we literally (and also symbolically) close our eyes to those in need? What is promised in this passage for those who *give*?
- 3. Read Prov. 31:20. What might it look like for you individually and for the church collectively to open her arms to the poor and extend our hands to the needy? How would we rate ourselves on that scale right now? What questions or concerns do people have when they consider this kind of action? Did you know that MDPC vets its 140 or so local, national, and international partners each year to assure that they are sticking to their mission and producing fruit with their labors?
- 4. Finally, read 2 Cor. 8:9. What do we learn about and from Jesus? How might He be our model going forward?
- 5. Do you have MDPC in your will or estate planning? If not, might you pray and consider it? More people are considering 'giving while they are living,' so they can see and experience joy by the amazing work of God through the gifts they invest for Kingdom Purposes.

Note: If you would like to talk to someone, Pastor Alf (<u>ahalvorson@mdpc.org</u>) or Ava Caliendo (<u>acaliendo@mdpc.org</u>) or our Legacy Giving Elder Katie Cooper (<u>katiecooper@gmail.com</u>) would love to listen and help you find just the right gift designation based on your interests and the impact you hope to see.