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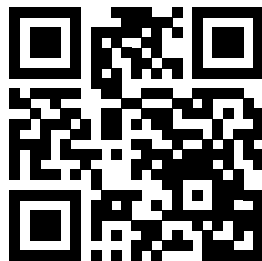
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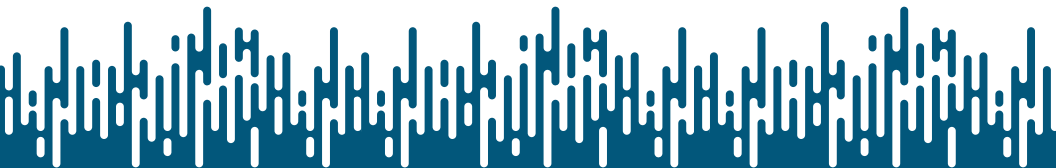
Guest Registry

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



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Finding Freedom in Christ Alone



8:30 AM Service
Sunday, July 25, 2021

Laurien Hook preaching
[Galatians 4:8-31 \(NIV\)](#)

Welcome and Call to Worship		Beth Case
Songs of Praise	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i> <i>10,000 Reasons</i>	Matt Maher Matt Maher
Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Clay Brown
Song of Response	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	TRADITIONAL
Moment of Prayer		Beth Case
Song of Preparation	<i>Fresh Wind</i>	Hillsong Worship
Message	Unburdened <u>Galatians 4:8-31</u>	Laurien Hook
Song of Response	<i>Jubilee</i>	Maverick City Worship
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Laurien Hook



Sunday Worship Playlist

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9:45 AM Service
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Invitation to Worship

Song of Praise

On Earth as in Heaven

Red Rocks Worship

Moment of Confession and Assurance

Meliza Gómez

Songs of Preparation

Spirit of the Living God
Fresh Wind
Holy Spirit

TRAD.

Hillsong Worship

Jesus Culture

Message

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Song of Response

Jubilee

Maverick City Worship

Moment of Prayer

Hillary McMullen

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11:15 AM Service
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Prelude	<i>Sonata II - Grave & Adagio</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Beth Case
Choral Introit	<i>Nearer, My God to Thee</i>	arr. Dan Forrest (b.1978)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Our God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	#210; Vs. 1, 2, 3, 5 ST. ANNE
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Amanda Grace Caldwell
*Affirmation of Faith	from The Apostles' Creed	
Baptism		Rachel Poysky Sarah Virginia French, daughter of Raymond and Virginia French
Anthem	<i>This Is the Day</i>	John Rutter (b.1945)
Pastoral Prayer		Beth Case
Anthem of Preparation	<i>I Can Do All Things Through Christ</i>	Laura Farnell (b.1975)
Message	Unburdened Galatians 4:8-31	Laurien Hook
*Hymn of Response	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>	#426; Vs. 1, 3 CANONBURY
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Rachel Poysky
Postlude	<i>Sonata II - Allegro maestoso e vivace</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

Andrew Bowen, guest organist

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE will be posted here next Sunday.

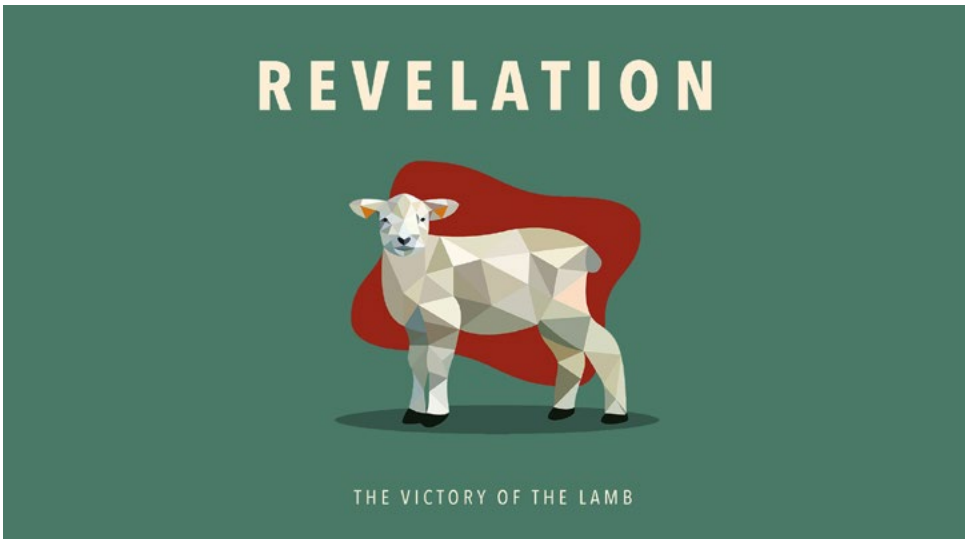


You Belong Here! This fall, we will celebrate three very special Sundays: Aug 22 (Kickoff Sunday); Aug 29 (Ministry Fair); and Sep 5 (Labor Day Cookout). For details of each Sunday's events, stay tuned to homecoming.mdpc.org.



Wed, Aug 11 • 4:30-6p • Fellowship Hall

Texas is number one in the U.S. in food insecurity for children - but you can help! Come make sandwiches for Kids' Meals that will feed Houston preschoolers. Learn more and sign up at kidsmeals.mdpc.org.



Sun, Wed, or Thu • Sep 16, 2021-Apr 21, 2022

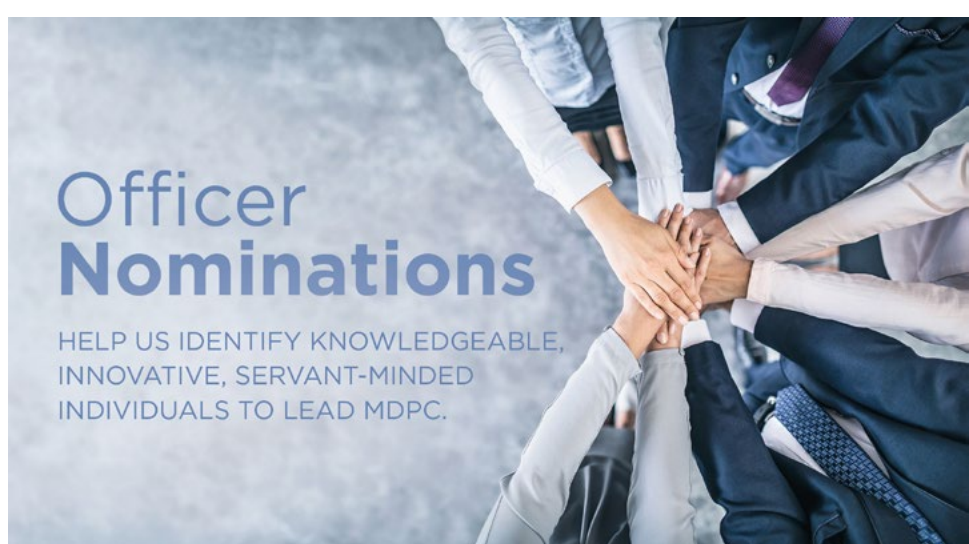
There are several group options to choose from, and you still may attend via Zoom. To learn more and choose a group, visit wordandworship.mdpc.org.



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.



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.



Through Tue, Aug 4

MDPC needs your help in identifying those who would make good Elders and Deacons. Hard copy forms are available around campus and online at nominations.mdpc.org.



Drive starts Aug 1

Please consider sponsoring a local child. You'll send a youngster to school ready to learn! Your donation of any amount will help kids succeed in school and in life. Learn more at mambts.mdpc.org.



Tue, Aug 17 • 6-9p • \$20 for food & drink

Men, invite your buddies to join us for a fun night out, with Astros on the big screen, Tex-Mex, beer, and fellowship with other men. Tickets at mensnight.mdpc.org.



Tue, Sep 14-Nov 30 • 6:30-7:45a

Since 2003, Men's Life at MDPC has encouraged thousands of men to walk more fully with God and live in meaningful relationship with others. Join us this fall for Men's Life 2021: Connecting. Learn more at ml.mdpc.org.



Suns, 9:45 or 11:15a • Amphitheater

Each lesson in this pastor-led study is a stand-alone look at a passage from the New Testament. No RSVP necessary; drop-ins are welcome. Learn more at byf.mdpc.org.



Children's Ministries Sunday School is on YouTube! We offer Sunday school lessons for preschool and elementary kids on the MDPC Kids YouTube channel, Sundays at 10:45-11:15a. [Click here](#) to learn more.



As we continue through Galatians, Paul uses some strange imagery and stories in this week's passage. Last week, Rachel reminded us we are incredibly important and beloved by God. This week, we see Paul pleading with the Galatian church to remain faithful to Jesus rather than turning back to the old ways of Judaism and the Old Covenant.

1. While the Galatians were tempted to turn to the old, comfortable ways of their previous experiences with Judaism, we all are faced with our own, unique temptations that threaten to turn us away from the truth of the Gospel. What are some of the things you attempt to go back to rather than fully surrendering to Jesus?
2. In the sermon, Laurien quoted the poet Wendell Berry. A line from the poem says "...And we who were sleeping, seeking the dead among the dead, dare to be awake..." What are you regularly doing to "dare to be awake" when it comes to your Christian life?
3. There is a juxtaposition in this passage between the Old Covenant made on Mt. Sinai and the New Covenant made by Jesus. Paul explains how the Old Covenant ultimately offered only bondage, while the New Covenant through Jesus offers true freedom. Read Romans 8:18-20. How do these verses from Romans encourage and challenge you to live under the New Covenant of freedom this week?
4. Laurien explained how the New Jerusalem Paul references in this week's passage has already arrived. We are not waiting for God's Kingdom to come—it is already here! Read Mark 1:14-15. How does knowing these are the first words spoken by Jesus in Mark's Gospel frame your understanding of Jesus' ministry, the Kingdom, and your calling?
5. In Galatians 4:19, Paul explains how he longs to see Christ formed within the Galatians. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. How do these verses compare with Paul's words in Galatians? Spend some time considering how Christ has been formed in you over the past week, month, and year. Where do you see growth? What are areas that might need some of your attention?

