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Guest Registry

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

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BETTER TOGETHER

LESSONS FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



8:30 AM Service

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

[Acts 16:1-15 \(NRSV\)](#)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rachel Poysky

Songs of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King
Cornerstone

Crowder

Hillsong Worship

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Beth Case

Song of Response

The Wondrous Cross

Matt Maher

Moment of Prayer

Rachel Poysky

Song of Preparation

Agnus Dei/King of Kings

Hillsong Worship

Message

Better Together

[Acts 16:1-15](#)

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision

TRADITIONAL

Opportunity to Give and Benediction

Alf Halvorson

Musicians in this service:

Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; George Heathco, guitar;
Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, Worship Leaders

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Sunday Worship Playlist

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Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

Each week, we pray for three of **MDPC's** local and global mission partners. During these difficult days, our partners truly covet your prayers! Visit [**partners.mdpc.org**](https://partners.mdpc.org) to find this week's (three) prayer recipients.

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9:45 AM Service
Sunday, August 22, 2021

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Invitation to Worship

Song of Praise

On Earth As in Heaven

Red Rocks Worship

Moment of Confession and Assurance

Amanda Grace Caldwell

Children's Moment

Rachel Poysky

Songs of Preparation

Agnus Dei/King of Kings/Cornerstone

Hillsong Worship

Message

Better Together

[Acts 16:1-15](#)

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

Oceans

Hillsong

Moment of Prayer

Rachel Poysky

Opportunity to Give and Benediction

Alf Halvorson

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11:15 AM Service
Sunday, August 22, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching
[Acts 16:1-15 \(NRSV\)](#)

Prelude	<i>Concerto in G Minor</i>	G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
Choral Introit	<i>Exultate Deo</i>	Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	#155; Vs. 1, 2, 3 DARWALL'S 148 th
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Dave Steane
*Affirmation of Faith	from The Apostles' Creed	
*Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Anthem	<i>Lift Up the Name of the Lord</i>	John Helgen (b.1957)
Pastoral Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Together a Dwelling</i>	James E. Clemens (b.1966)
Message	Better Together <u>Acts 16:1-15</u>	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	#316; Vs. 1, 2, 4 TRENTHAM
Opportunity to Give and Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Ceremonial Procession</i>	Raymond H. Haan (b.1938)

Musicians in this service:

Charles Hausmann, conductor; Julio Sanchez, percussion; Kathryn White, piano/organ

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Sunday, August 22, 2021

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of August 15, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 6,160,488
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 5,139,512

Last Week to Nominate

Officer Nominations

HELP US IDENTIFY KNOWLEDGEABLE, INNOVATIVE, SERVANT-MINDED INDIVIDUALS TO LEAD MDPC.



Through Tue, Aug 24

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.

Starts Today

BUILDING YOUR FAITH

Exploring Scripture with the Pastors



BYF offers weekly biblical lessons taught by a pastor or someone else with seminary training. No signup, no class roll. Join us in our all-church Bible study, *Sent by Love: A Study of Acts* (Part 2). The study kicks off on **Sun, Aug 22**, in the Amphitheater at **9:45 and 11:15a**. Visit byf.mdpc.org for details.



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.



Visit our table this Sunday!

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 mambs.mdpc.org.

CONNECTION



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

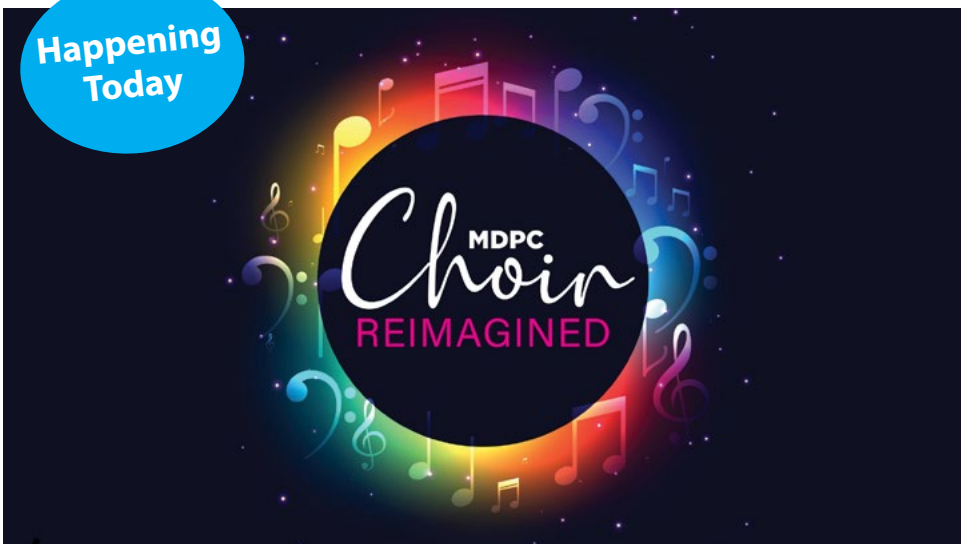
Today is Kickoff!

HOME COMING!

3 CELEBRATION SUNDAYS!

You Belong Here! Starting this weekend, we celebrate three very special Sundays: Aug 22 (Kickoff); Aug 29 (Ministry Fair); and Sep 5 (Labor Day Cookout)! For details of each Sunday's events, visit homecoming.mdpc.org.

Happening Today



On **Aug 22 at 12:15**, come to an "open sing-in" to discover the joy of choral singing! MDPC's Reimagined Choir is streamlining activities, loosening attire, and making it easier for you to participate, even if you do not regularly attend 11:15 worship. Learn more at choir2021.mdpc.org.

M MOPS

ALL FOR LOVE

Every other Thursday, Aug 26-Apr 21 • 9:30-11a

After so much time spent hunkering down, living smaller, and experiencing a little more fear than normal, this is the year we're going "All For Love." Come for free childcare, breakfast, and time with other moms! Learn more: mops.mdpc.org

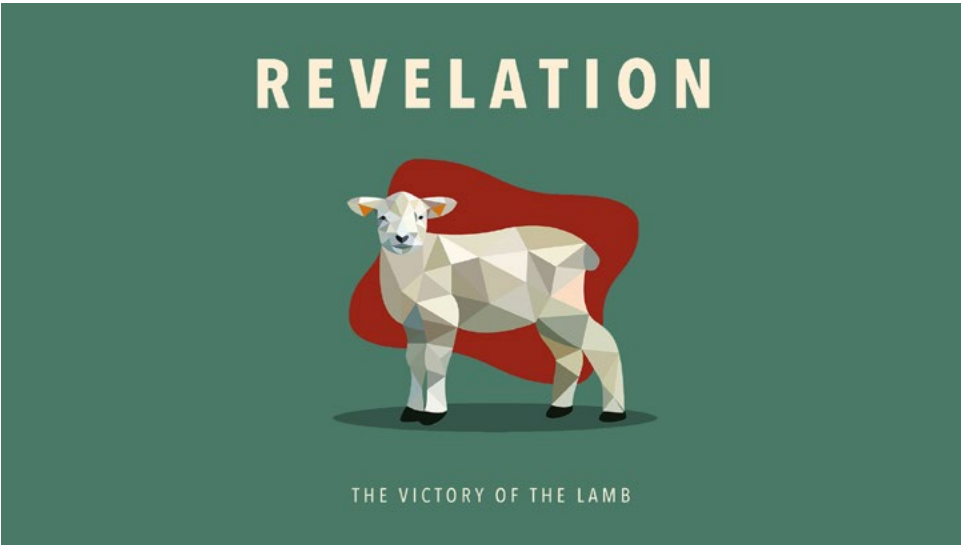
Alpha

alpha.mdpc.org

Starting Tue, Sep 14 • In person with free food.

Try it the first week or come all 10 weeks for no pressure conversations about life, faith, and meaning. Find details at alpha.mdpc.org.

REVELATION



THE VICTORY OF THE LAMB

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.

kidslive.mdpc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIVE

YouTube | 10:45-11:15 AM



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.

BETTER TOGETHER

LESSONS FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



Acts 16:1-15 (NRSV)

This is the first in our fall series, *Better Together*. Why do we need each other? Way back in Genesis chapter two, the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone.” Think about that for a minute. Before the fall in Genesis 3, God spoke those words. This means before sin entered the world (in ch. 3), the need for community was part of our perfection and not imperfection. Also, in the second half of the Book of Acts, in ninety-seven places in Acts chapters 16-28, the writing changes from third person (he, she, they, them) to first person plural (we). Ministry was done in teams. Are you part of any teams, to share, to grow, to learn, to serve, to build, and to live out your faith?

1. I provided some context leading up to the second missionary journey of Paul and his companions. What hit you from that introduction?
2. Read Acts 16:1-5. All summer we talked in our Galatians sermon series that circumcision was not necessary for salvation. Then why did Paul have Timothy circumcised? Read Gal. 2:1-5 about Titus, and 1 Cor. 9:12-23 about Paul’s approach to different people groups. Does Acts 16:3 conflict with his teaching in Galatians? Or is he somehow consistent? Explain.
3. I talked in my message about trying to discover God’s will for our lives. In this first section, how is finding a person like Paul if you are Timothy and finding a person like Timothy if you are Paul part of God’s will for us?
4. Read Acts 16:6-10. I talked about various ways God can let us know the divine will in a certain circumstance. In what form(s) did God’s *forbidding them* from going to Asia and *not allow them to go* to Bithynia manifest itself? How has God spoken or led you in the past? What forms has that guidance taken? What can you learn from this section?
5. Read Acts 16:11-15. How did God’s previous “no” open the way for a big “yes”? What is the big win in Philippi? How does this show God breaking down the wall of hostility between regions and people groups?
6. Where might you be a Paul to some Timothy? Where might you be a Timothy to some Paul? What aspect of listening for God’s will might you incorporate into your life because of this master’s class by Paul and his companions? Ministry was done in teams. What team are you a part of right now? If not, how will you correct that deficiency?

