



Radical

RESPONSE

Matthew 21:28-32

8:30 AM Service

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Alf Halvorson preaching

[Matthew 21:28-32](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Songs of Praise

Ancient of Days
David Danced

Shane Barnard
SALVADOR

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Clay Brown

Song of Response

Tis So Sweet

HYMN

Moment of Prayer

Dave Steane

Song of Preparation

Mighty to Save

Ruben Morgan

Message

Radical Response

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

Great Are You, Lord

Bryan Torwalt

Opportunity to Give & Benediction

Alf Halvorson



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 to find this week's (three) prayer recipients.



9:45 AM Service

Sunday, October 11, 2020

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Song of Praise

David Danced

SALVADOR

Kids' Moment

Children's Ministries

***Moment of Confession & Assurance**

Amy Delgado

Songs of Response

*Mighty to Save
Promises*

Ruben Morgan
Chris Brown

Message

Radical Response

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

Great Are You, Lord

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11:15 AM Service

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| Prelude | <i>Meditation on Sainte-Clotilde</i> | Philip James (1890-1975) |
| Welcome & Call to Worship | | Dave Steane |
| Choral Introit | <i>Sing, Ye Righteous</i> | Ludovico Viadana (1560-1627) |
| * Hymn of Praise | <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> | CWM RHONDDA |
| * Prayer of Confession and Assurance | | Amy Delgado |
| * Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed | |
| * Congregational Response | <i>The Gloria Patri</i> | HYMN #579 |
| Anthem | <i>The Beatitudes</i> | Marilyn/James Biery |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Dave Steane |
| Anthem of Preparation | <i>Order My Steps (In Your Word)</i> | Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007) |
| Message | <i>Radical Response</i> | Alf Halvorson |
| * Hymn of Response | <i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i> | MC KEE |
| Opportunity to Give & Benediction | | Alf Halvorson |
| Postlude | <i>Menuet Gothique</i> | Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897) |

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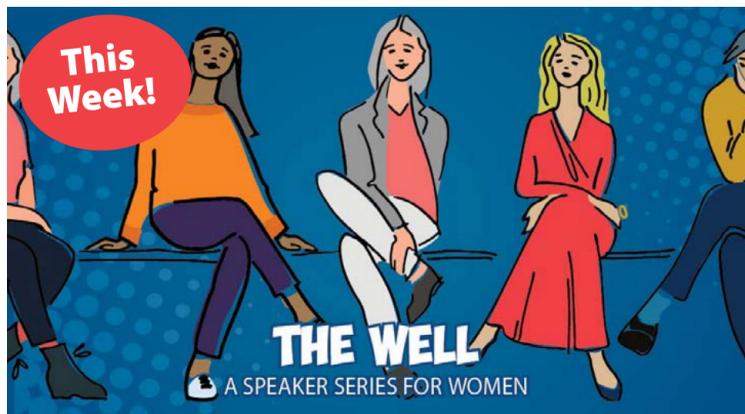
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of October 4, 2020

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| 2020 Annual Budget | \$12,300,000 |
| Income to Date | \$7,504,298 |
| Needed to Meet Budget | \$4,795,702 |



Ladies, are you tired of waiting? For a nap, for a breakthrough, to be seen, to be heard? Join us at The Well on October 14 where we'll hear Jenny Nettles, Barbara Mueller, Stella Chen, and Rosy Silva share stories of how God has met them in their "waiting." Learn more and RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org



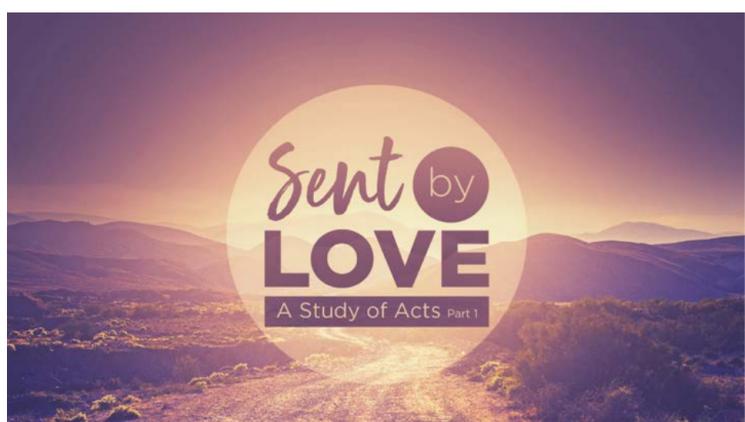
Much of what was the Christian world is now dominated by secularism and relativism. How do we respond to this? You'll gain an in-depth understanding, be inspired to personal revival, and come away equipped with practical next steps in this four-evening course. Learn more at jisw.mdpc.org.



Begin the conversation by engaging with one another - every voice belongs at this table so that we can become the people we were created to be. Four nights over two weeks in October, via Zoom. Visit workshop.mdpc.org to learn more.



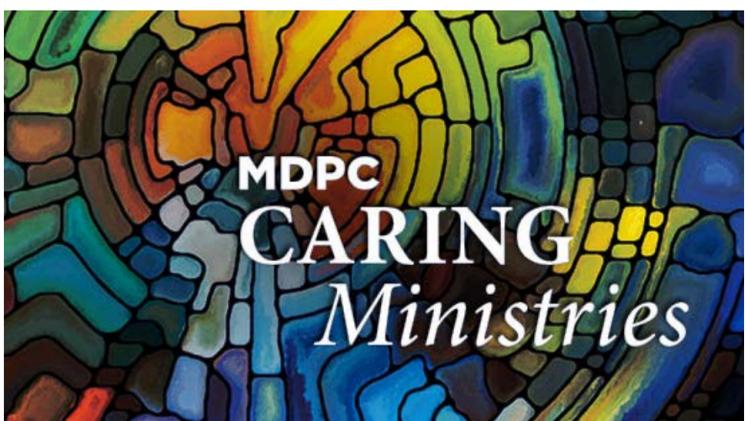
Consider the highs and lows of this past year. How wonderful is it to know that, as a member of the MDPC family, *your* name has been lifted in prayer each day by your assigned Partner in Prayer? Be part of this quiet, meeting-free, self-led ministry. Sign up at pip.mdpc.org.



This fall, **MDPC** is studying the Book of ACTS. You can participate through existing Sunday School classes, Sunday morning [pastor-led classes](https://pastor-led.mdpc.org), and a Wednesday night small group. Visit [ACTS.mdpc.org](https://acts.mdpc.org) for details. No registration required.



There is a great need for volunteers in areas across the U.S. ravaged by natural disasters. Learn where and what help is needed at action.mdpc.org.



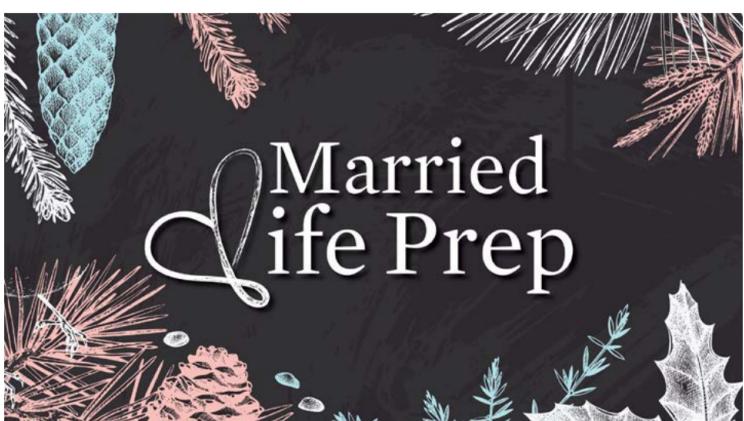
From caring for a loved one with dementia to grief support and more, **MDPC** Caring Ministries and its partners continue to offer support, even if it has to be "virtual." To learn more, visit caring.mdpc.org.



REACH classes this fall include Yoga, Tumbling & Gymnastics, Abrakadoodle, Piano, Tap & Jazz, Chess, and the MDPC seasonal favorite Gingerbread House Event! Learn more and sign up at reach.mdpc.org.



Children's Ministries Sunday School is moving to 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](https://kidslive.mdpc.org) to learn more.



Research shows certain marriage prep programs to be particularly effective at preventing divorce, lowering the risk by as much as 75%. [Married Life Prep](https://marriedlife.mdpc.org) is approved by Twogether in Texas, and program graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! A new 4-week class starts January 10.



Join us for an outdoor showing of the movie *Trolls: World Tour*, on Friday, November 6! The event is on the MDPC Ball Field. Social distancing measures must be observed. Learn more and register your family at movie.mdpc.org.



This is the fifth in our fall 2020 series on God's *radical* nature and love for us, and the opportunity for us to not just live a bland life but live *radically* for God and others. We have been looking at Jesus' parables from the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we look at a parable that occurs after Jesus has entered Jerusalem on the Monday of Holy Week. He has cleansed the temple; cursed a fig tree; the chief priests and elders have asked Him, "By what authority do You do these things?" He has answered, "I will ask you a question. If you tell Me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" They don't answer Him because either answer will make them look bad. Then He tells them the parable for today. So Jesus is talking to religious people who were not doing what they believed. They weren't following the will of the Father.

1. As a child, when did you tell your mother or father you would do something they wanted that you had no intention of doing? Or when as a parent did your child promise to do something you wanted done, but they did not follow through? Share humorous or not-so-humorous stories.
2. Read [Matthew 21:28-32](#). What is Jesus trying to say to the chief priests, the elders, and the crowd? What is the lesson to learn?
3. In verse 29 and 32, the same basic word is used in the Greek and translated into English as "he changed his mind" and "you did not change your minds." The Greek word is *metamelomai*, which means "feel regret, feel repentant." Metanoia, a slightly different Greek word, means "change of heart" or "turn around and go in the opposite direction." Metamelomai means the experiencing of remorse that could lead to metanoia (turning around and going in the opposite direction). Make sense? What did the first son feel regret or remorse about, do you think? Why is that the first critical step toward "turning around" and ultimately "doing the will of the Father"? (vs. 31)
4. Three times Jesus uses the word *believe* in verse 32. This word doesn't just mean verbal assent to some idea, but actually putting that idea into practice; walking it out; showing by your life or behavior that you agree and are following the will of the Father practically. How does this understanding (and this parable) help you see what Jesus intends for those who are His disciples? Are you more like the first son in the parable or the second (the chief priests and the elders were more like the second)? Where this week can you walk out your faith? Where can you believe by and through your daily life?

