

Radical

GENEROSITY
Our Grace in Response
Matthew 18:23-34

8:30 AM Service

Covenant Sunday, November 1, 2020

Alf Halvorson preaching

[Matthew 18:23-34](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dave Steane

Songs of Praise

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Charles Converse

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Brett Hurst

Song of Response

Jesus Paid It All

Matt Redman

Moment of Prayer

Dave Steane

Song of Preparation

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

TRADITIONAL

Message

Radical Generosity: Our Grace in Response

Alf Halvorson

Renewing My Personal Covenant with God

Song of Celebration

Because of Your Love

Phil Wickham

Opportunity to Give & Benediction

Alf Halvorson



Sunday Worship Playlist

[Click here to listen.](#)

Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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9:45 AM Service

Alf Halvorson preaching

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Meliza Gómez

Song of Praise

My Testimony

Brandon Lake

Kids' Moment

Children's Ministries

***Moment of Confession & Assurance**

Sarah Stone

Songs of Response

*Graves Into Gardens
Blessed Assurance*

Brandon Lake
Fanny J. Crosby

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Matthew 18:23-34

11:15 AM Service

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| Prelude | <i>Meditation for Worship</i> | Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) |
| Welcome & Call to Worship | | Dave Steane |
| * Hymn of Praise | <i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i> | CORONATION |
| * Prayer of Confession and Assurance | | Amy Delgado |
| * Affirmation of Faith | from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20 | |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Dave Steane |
| Anthem of Preparation | <i>A Covenant Prayer</i> | Dan Forrest |
| Message | <i>Radical Generosity: Our Grace in Response</i> | Alf Halvorson |
| Renewing My Personal Covenant with God | | |
| Anthem of Dedication | <i>God Has Work for Us to Do</i> | Mark A. Miller (b.1956) |
| Opportunity to Give & Benediction | | Alf Halvorson |
| Postlude | <i>Sarabande</i> | Gordon Young (1919-1998) |

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of October 25, 2020

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| 2020 Annual Budget | \$12,300,000 |
| Income to Date | \$8,292,113 |
| Needed to Meet Budget | \$4,007,887 |



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.



Nourish a family and lift their spirits by providing groceries for a homemade Thanksgiving meal! Hundreds of area families screened by SBISD will receive a bag of groceries, fresh produce, and a turkey. Learn how to help at meal.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.



Even in these difficult times, our MDPC Mission Partners are still hard at work providing needed services to their clients and sharing the love of Jesus. To hear some of their stories, visit stories.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](#) to learn more.



Uncertainty doesn't stand a chance against Radical. Hopeless, resentful, lost, threatened: our Radical God overwhelms these with His unwavering love. Prayerfully consider your 2021 pledge as we approach Covenant Sunday, November 1. [Click here](#) to learn more and pledge online.



Kids Meals' Service Project is back on at MDPC! New measures will be in place to protect participants, including asking volunteers sign up so we can plan accordingly. Learn more and register for November 11 at kidsmeals.mdpc.org.



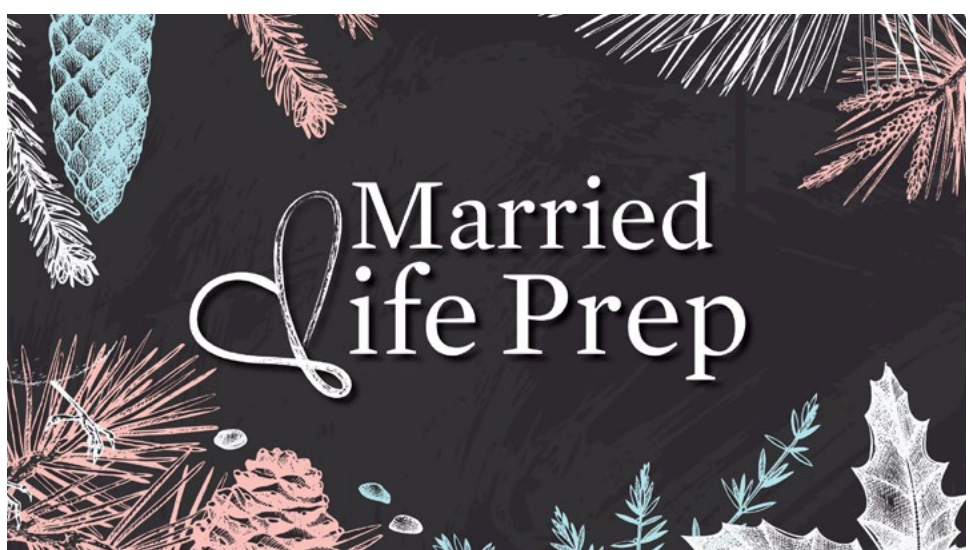
Join us for an outdoor showing of the movie *Trolls: World Tour*, on Friday, November 6! The event is on the MDPC Ball Field. Social distancing measures must be observed. Learn more and register your family at movie.mdpc.org.



There is a great need for volunteers in areas across the U.S. ravaged by natural disasters. Following the recent hurricanes, our neighbors to the east especially need helping hands. To learn what you can do, go to action.mdpc.org and scroll down to the Samaritan's Purse listing.



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 Twogether in Texas, and program graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! A new 4-week class starts January 10.



This is the seventh and final in our fall *Radical* series that concludes on Covenant Sunday, when, as an act of worship to God, we make our financial pledges for 2021. It is another parable by Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew, and the parable occurs right after Peter asks the Savior, “How often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Other rabbis of the time said three times was generous; Jesus says, “Not seven times, but I tell you, 77 times.” (Note: The Greek here is difficult, so the phrase could be translated “77 times seven.”) Then Jesus offers our parable for today. How does a parable in response to a question like Peter’s help us to think through our stewardship/generosity?

1. If you had to explain what Christianity says about forgiveness, what would you say? When have you failed at forgiveness? When have you succeeded at it?
2. Read [Matthew 18:23-34](#). Focus on verses 18-27 first. Who is the debtor? How big is the debt? What does the lord (king) order? How does the slave respond? What does the king do in the end? Why does the king release him and forgive his debt?
3. How does the first third of the parable relate to the Good News of Christianity? Who is the debtor? How big is the debt? What does God order? How might we respond? What does God do in the end? Under what circumstances does God release us and forgive our debt?
4. Now read the second third of the parable, the part not to be imitated, verses 28-30. Who is the debtor? How big is the debt? What does the one who has the upper hand order? How does the slave respond? What does the upper-hand one do in the end? Why does he not release the slave and forgive his debt?
5. Now read the final third of the parable, verses 31-35. How is the king brought back into the situation? How does he react? What does he say to the one who previously had the upper hand in section two? And what is Jesus’ final word in [verse 35](#)?
6. How does this parable, and especially verse 35 apply to you/us? And how does God being generous to us relate to our generosity in return? How might this parable impact your pledge?

