

# HOPE

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A Living Stone | 1 Peter 2:4-10

Father's Day Sunday, June 19, 2022

Rev. Dan Aikins preaching

## 8:30 SERVICE

Welcome (In-person / Online)

Meliza Gómez / Clay Brown

Songs of Praise

*Everlasting God / Praise to the Lord*

\*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Clay Brown

Song of Response

*None But Jesus*

Moment of Prayer

Clay Brown

Song of Preparation

*Holy, Holy, Holy / Cornerstone*

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Benediction

## 9:45 SERVICE

Welcome (In-person / Online)

Meliza Gómez / Hillary McMullen

Songs of Praise

*Great Things / Holy, Holy, Holy*

\*Moment of Confession & Assurance

Hillary McMullen

Songs of Preparation

*Glorious Day / None But Jesus*

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Song of Response

*Cornerstone*

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Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Tim Hughes, violin; Perla Cantu-Arroyo and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

## 11:15 SERVICE

Prelude

*The Lord Heard My Cry*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Andrew Adair

Choral Introit

*The Tree of Life*

K. Lee Scott (b.1950)

\*Hymn of Praise

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

#455; Vs. 1, 6 | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Prayer of Confession & Affirmation of Faith

Almir Dias

\*Congregational Response

*The Gloria Patri*

Hymn #579

Anthem

*Our Rock and Our Salvation*

B.F. White/arr. Sheldon Curry

Moment of Prayer

Andrew Adair

Anthem of Preparation

*All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord*

Z. Randall Stroope (b.1953)

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\*Closing Hymn

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

#440; Vs. 1, 3 | MC KEE

Benediction

Postlude

*Grand Choeur*

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Musicians at 11:15: Christopher Auchter and Megan Berti, duet; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ



## A Living Stone: [1 Peter 2:4-10](#)

By Rev. Dan Aikins

Peter continues his letter to the Gentile, Christian “exiles” of what is modern-day, northern Turkey. In the last two sermons

we have heard how Peter has written about the eternal hope being held for the exiles in eternity (1:1-12) and encouraging them to live holy, God-like lives even in the midst of their un-God-like, Roman context. This week, Peter writes about the identities they have received as they follow Jesus and the purposes for which those identities have been given. Living for these purposes born out of their God-given identities enables the exiles to experience the benefits of following Jesus even when the world around them is chaos.

1. Whether you’re using these notes in a group or on your own, take a few minutes to slowly reread 1 Peter 2:4-10. Do this without a pen or pencil in your hand and without any purpose other than allowing yourself to “sit” with God’s word. Absorb it. Soak it in. Enjoy it.
2. What would you say are the top 5 identities in your life that shape who you are? In the sermon, I mentioned my identities of dad, husband, Christian, pastor, employee, and others. What are some of your identities?
3. Where did these identities come from in your life? How did they come to you or how did you begin to identify yourself in such a way?
4. What were the identities that Peter affirmed in the exiles? We listed several together that were bunched up in the beginning and ending sections of the passage.
5. What were the purposes connected with these identities?
6. Try for a moment to imagine yourself in the shoes of the exiles reading Peter’s letter. Remember that followers of Jesus are a very small minority in their region. They are just second-generation Christians trying to figure out how to faithfully follow Jesus in an incredibly chaotic world. The world around them is confused by them (at best) and violently opposed to them (at worst). They know the identities Peter is lifting up are true, but the world around them is assigning them a number of different identities. How might they be feeling? What might have been topics of conversation at their gatherings? What might their relationships have been like?
7. Have there been times you could relate to the experience of the exiles?
8. I explained that the Western world encourages us to find our identities from within ourselves. I argued this is both unkind/unjust and practically impossible. How do you agree or disagree?
9. Why would it be encouraging for the exiles that their identities are found externally in the person of and the pursuit of Jesus? Have you ever personally experienced this sort of encouragement?
10. I mentioned several practices/spiritual disciplines that could help you live into your purpose-filled identities as followers of Jesus. What practices do you already do? And what might be one new practice you give a try this week?



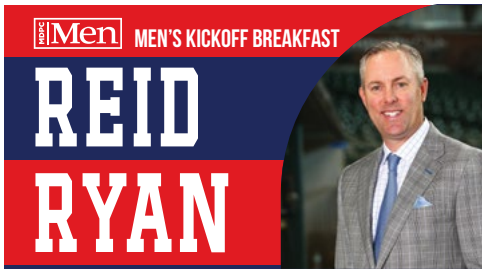
# STUFFFORGUYS

No matter your dad-status, these opportunities are for you!



**Thu, Aug 4 • 6:00-9:00pm**

Men, invite your buddies to join us for another fun night out. Astros on the big screen, Tex-Mex, beer - come be part of the excitement! RSVP at [mensnight.mdpc.org](https://mensnight.mdpc.org).



**Sat, Aug 27 • 8:30-9:30am**

Come enjoy delicious breakfast and fellowship at MDPC. We're excited to welcome special guest speaker, Reid Ryan. Learn more and sign up at [mensbreakfast.mdpc.org](https://mensbreakfast.mdpc.org).



**Tuesdays, Sep 13-Nov 29 • 6:30am**

An all-new 11-week series of speakers and study! We'll talk about how to share our faith in God along with heart matters relevant to all men. Open to men of all ages and stages. More at [ml.mdpc.org](https://ml.mdpc.org).



**Your dad would make a great officer!**

Who would you recommend to be an MDPC officer? They'll help guide the course of this church while being personally enriched. Learn more and nominate at [nominate.mdpc.org](https://nominate.mdpc.org).

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[give.mdpc.org](https://give.mdpc.org)



**Sun, Jun 26 • 10:00am-2:30pm**

Looking for a way to serve - while saving lives? Donate blood at MDPC! Visit [blooddrive.mdpc.org](https://blooddrive.mdpc.org) to sign up. Successful donors get a GCR Blood Center beach towel.



**Sun, Jun 26 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Whether this is your first introduction to the Micah Project or you're an old friend, you won't want to miss this opportunity to connect with this special ministry partner. Learn more and sign up at [micah.mdpc.org](https://micah.mdpc.org).



**The Faith Is Strong in You..**

Summer Cel. Is almost. Here. And **LOTS of teen and adult volunteers are needed!** Please consider serving (and having fun!) with us **July 11-15**. Details at [summercel.mdpc.org](https://summercel.mdpc.org).



**Select Wednesdays • 3:00pm**

On select Wednesdays this summer (Jun 29, Jul 20, Aug 3), come enjoy a free movie and popcorn in the Amphitheater! Next up in the series is *Apollo 10 1/2* on **Jun 29**.



**Sun, Jul 10-31 • 10:00am-Noon**

Research shows marriage prep programs can be effective at preventing divorce and increasing satisfaction. Learn more at [mlp.mdpc.org](https://mlp.mdpc.org). Couples engaged or married up to 3 years are encouraged to come!



**Sun, Jul 10 • 7:00-8:00pm**

Help serve evening snacks to the families at Star of Hope's Cornerstone Community. The evening's theme is Teddy Bear Picnic! Learn more and sign up at [bites.mdpc.org](https://bites.mdpc.org).

## Financial Update as of June 12, 2022

2022 Annual Budget	\$ 12,294,000
Income to Date	\$ 4,844,058
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 7,449,942

## Births and Deaths

**John Martinson** passed away May 24.  
**Nora McGowan** passed away May 29.  
**Robert "Ted" Smith** passed away May 29.  
**Bettye Bratten** passed away June 6.  
**Anne Alloway** passed away June 7.