

HOPE

A Godly Witness | 1 Peter 2:11-17 NLT

Sunday, July 3, 2022

8:30 SERVICE

Welcome (In-person / Online)		Michael Middleton / Beth Case
Songs of Praise	<i>Your Grace Is Enough / As the Deer</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Rachel Poysky
Song of Response	<i>King of My Heart</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Beth Case
Song of Preparation	<i>Life Defined</i>	
Message	HOPE: A Faithful Submission <u>1 Peter 2:18-3:7</u>	Brett and Kellie Hurst
Benediction		

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome (In-person / Online)		Michael Middleton / Dan Aikins
Song of Praise	<i>Open the Heaven</i>	
*Moment of Confession & Assurance		Dan Aikins
Songs of Preparation	<i>King of My Heart / Graves into Gardens</i>	
Message	HOPE: A Faithful Submission <u>1 Peter 2:18-3:7</u>	Brett and Kellie Hurst
Song of Response	<i>Life Defined</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Dan Aikins
Benediction		

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Jaime Arroyo, keys; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Gisele Duque and Michael Middleton, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Mansions of the Lord</i> <i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i>	Nikolas Glennie-Smith (b.1951) Copland/arr. Papadakos (b.1960)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Beth Case
Choral Introit	<i>The God Who Gave Us Life Gave Us Liberty (from Testament of Freedom)</i>	R. Thompson (1899-1984)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	#564; Vs. 1, 2, 3 MATERNA
*Prayer of Confession & Affirmation of Faith		Dan Aikins
Anthem	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	arr. Mary McDonald (b.1956)
Pastoral Prayer		Beth Case
Anthem of Preparation	<i>The Call</i>	Z. Randall Stroope (b.1953)
Message	HOPE: A Faithful Submission <u>1 Peter 2:18-3:7</u>	Brett and Kellie Hurst
*Hymn of Response	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	#527; Vs. 1, 3 Mc AFEE
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>America, the Beautiful</i>	arr. Charles Callahan (b.1951)

Musicians at 11:15: Choral Ensemble; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ



A Faithful Submission :

[1 Peter 2:11-17](#)

This is the fifth sermon in our 11-week summer series on 1 Peter, and we continue with more of Peter's emphasis on Christian submission in role relationships. This entire section could practically be summarized in two words: submit yourselves. But what is most important is the purpose of this submissive behavior. We are to submit ourselves to various authorities for the Lord's sake, rather than for our own sake. By following this pattern, we yield ourselves to the ultimate hierarchical structure of authority in the universe. Our God is sovereign and in control of all things. Furthermore, the Lord has delegated all authority in heaven and earth to His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Through the example of Jesus' humility and suffering, we have a road map of ethics to follow in our own lives. In general, when we do good and suffer and take it patiently, this is what is honorable before God.

1. The vast majority of servants in the ancient world were slaves and were treated as property. Interestingly, Peter and the other New Testament writers neither explicitly condemned nor condoned the slavery of the day. Still, it is important to highlight that the Scriptures require slaves be treated with respect, and masters were not to mistreat them in any way (see Colossians 4:1). In what way(s) do you think the introduction of Christian ethics to this ancient system eventually led to the elimination of slavery in the West?
2. In the past, how have you responded to unjust treatment? Read Matthew 5:40-41 and 1 Peter 2:19-21. According to these verses, did you always respond properly?
3. It is important to clarify that, in our modern vocations, we are not slaves today. Instead, we typically enter some type of contract of employment or agreement to work under a certain understanding. In other words, we are free to seek other employment whenever we are challenged ethically. Read Psalms 25:21, Proverbs 11:1, Luke 16:10, and Colossians 3:23. What would be your response if your boss or employer was insisting you do something that would violate your Christian convictions? How might you respond if your work life was causing your walk with God to be negatively affected?
4. In what ways can we follow Christ's example? How should we respond to those who hate or mistreat us? Read Isaiah 53:4-5 and 1 Peter 2:24. What reasons are given here for Jesus' death on the cross? How might those reasons influence our own behavior?
5. Read John 10:11, Psalm 119:175-176, and 1 Peter 2:25. How closely does Christ want us to identify with Him and His example for us?
6. What kind of behaviors show a submissive heart? What kind of behaviors show a heart that is not submissive? In what situations within marriage might it be most difficult to submit?
7. Read 1 Timothy 2:9-10 and 1 Peter 3:3-6. What is true beauty from God's perspective? What kind of beauty will last? What kinds of qualities do you think God wants a woman to have? Now read Ephesians 5:17-21 and Colossians 3:12-15. What kinds of qualities do you think God wants a man to have?
8. Read Ephesians 5:25-33 and 1 Peter 3:7. What are some specific ways a husband can treat his wife with respect? How might he communicate that respect to her? What are the results of a husband dishonoring his wife?



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Please bring **individually packaged snacks, sodas, and bottled waters** for volunteers! No nuts, please. Drop off snacks at the Front Office.

And we need **BREAD!** Starting Jul 7, please bring plain white or wheat sandwich bread. Every loaf counts!



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.



Sat-Tue, Sep 3-6, 2022

Join us on an **in-person mission trip** to Honduras! Micah Project ministers to boys in crisis through community outreach and three group homes. Learn more at micah.mdpc.org.



Select Wednesdays • 3:00pm

Select Wed this summer (Jul 20, Aug 3), come enjoy a free movie and popcorn in the Amphitheater! Next up in the series is *Somewhere in Time* on **Jul 20**. More at movies.mdpc.org.



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. Couples engaged or married up to 3 years are encouraged to come!



Sun, Jul 31 • 12:30pm

Pastor Mauricio Chacón is retiring and we're sending him and Gladys off with a party. Join us for a delicious lunch and shared memories. Learn more details and contribute to Mauricio's love gift at mc.mdpc.org.



Events are happening now!

Ladies, we've planned a summer packed with fun things to do, so try something new and meet someone new, or bring a friend to something you love. Sign up at stc.mdpc.org.



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.

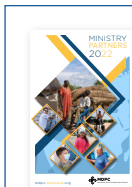


How about that person in your Bible Study? Would you recommend them be an MDPC officer? They'll help guide the course of this church while being personally enriched. Learn more at nominate.mdpc.org.



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.



Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines

Each week, we pray for three of MDPC's partners in ministry, both local and global. They truly covet your prayers! Find this week's prayer recipients at partners.mdpc.org, or pick up one of the prayer booklets available around campus.

Financial Update as of Jun 26, 2022

2022 Annual Budget	\$ 12,294,000
Income to Date	\$ 5,152,725
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 7,141,275

Births and Deaths

Anne Alloway passed away June 7, 2022.
Tim Sullivan passed away June 16, 2022.
Adam McCauley passed away Jun 24, 2022.