

## HOPE



A Righteous Suffering | 1 Peter 3:8-17 NIV

Sunday, July 10, 2022

Rev. Beth Case preaching

## 8:30 SERVICE

Welcome (In-person / Online)		Meliza Gómez / Rachel Poysky
Songs of Praise	<i>Here for You / Blessed Be Your Name</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Clay Brown
Song of Response	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Songs of Preparation	<i>Song of Hope</i>	
Message	<b>HOPE: A Righteous Suffering</b> <b><u>1 Peter 3:8-17</u></b>	Beth Case
Benediction		

## 9:45 SERVICE

Welcome (In-person / Online)		Meliza Gómez / Dan Aikins
Songs of Praise	<i>Song of Hope</i>	
*Moment of Confession & Assurance		Dan Aikins
Songs of Preparation	<i>Here for You / Firm Foundation / Great Are You, Lord</i>	
Message	<b>HOPE: A Righteous Suffering</b> <b><u>1 Peter 3:8-17</u></b>	Beth Case
Song of Response	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Dan Aikins
Benediction		

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass;  
Meliza Gómez & Perla Cantu Arroyo, worship leaders

## 11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Andante Religioso</i> <i>Prelude in F</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Amy Delgado
Choral Introit	<i>I Will Worship the Lord</i>	John Rutter (b.1945)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	#281; Vs. 1, 2, 3   CWM RHONDDA
*Prayer of Confession & Affirmation of Faith		Dan Aikins
*Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Anthem	<i>Festival Sanctus</i>	John Leavitt (b.1956)
Moment of Prayer		Amy Delgado
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Hope of the World</i>	Lloyd Larson (b.1950)
Message	<b>HOPE: A Righteous Suffering</b> <b><u>1 Peter 3:8-17</u></b>	Beth Case
*Hymn of Response	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>	#426; Vs. 1, 3   CANONBURY
Benediction		

Postlude	<i>Rondo</i>	John Head (b.1938)
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Musicians at 11:15: Kelly Edwards, flute; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano



## A Righteous Suffering

### [1 Peter 3:8-17](#)

It can be easy to assume a direct link between doing what is right, and experiencing what is comfortable. Somehow, we come to expect that life will go smoothly if we act as God wishes. But Peter knew that in spite of making wise decisions, we might well encounter hardship. If unjust suffering came to Jesus, it can come to all who follow Him. Peter invites Christ-followers to examine our *actions*, our *attitudes* – especially in the face of trouble – and to develop an *apologetic*: what reason would you give for the hope you have in the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of life redeemed and restored?

1. Whether you are using these notes before or after hearing the sermon, take a few minutes to read and slowly re-read 1 Peter 3:8-17. Make note of any words or phrases that stand out to you. Which ones make you curious? Which words connect with your life today?
2. What actions and attitudes are listed as befitting to a Jesus-follower?
3. What reasons does Peter suggest for living this way? What do you find compelling about that way of living? What do you find difficult about it?
4. Commentators suggest that Peter utilizes the word “hope” to mean the same thing that Paul means when he utilizes the word “faith”. Supposing the commentators are correct, how does this inform your understanding of 1 Peter 3:15?
5. When have you (or someone close to you) suffered because of doing what you believed to be right? Taking up 1 Peter 3:8-17 as a lens, how would you describe your surrounding motives and actions? Place the whole situation prayerfully before God, asking God to care for you, and to guide you into deeper comfort and understanding.
6. Theologian Tom Wright explained that “**Scripture** is the bookshelf; **tradition** is the memory of what people in the house have read and understood (or perhaps misunderstood) from that shelf; and **reason** is the set of spectacles that people wear in order to make sense of what they read... and **experience** [refers] to the effect on readers of what they have read....” How might this image be helpful for discussing Question #6, or for understanding your own faith development?
7. Share one or more reasons for having hope in Christ and in Christ’s resurrection!



# 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!** Donations of plain white or wheat sandwich bread can be dropped off at the Front Office through Wed, Jul 13.



**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](https://mc.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](https://movies.mdpc.org).



**Sat, Aug 6 • 8:00am-Noon**

Sign up now for MDPC's August Bite-sized SERVE-ing, when we take over Houston Food Bank! You'll beat the heat while helping feed our community. Learn more at [bites.mdpc.org](https://bites.mdpc.org).



**Fri, Aug 12 • 9:00am-12:00pm**

Join us to help Housman Elementary teachers and staff prepare for the first day of school! Our team will have a variety of fun, simple jobs. We need YOU there! Learn more at [bites.mdpc.org](https://bites.mdpc.org).



**Do you know an MDPC member who would make a great Officer?** Nominate them by using our online form. Learn more at [nominate.mdpc.org](https://nominate.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](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).



**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](https://micah.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).



## 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](https://partners.mdpc.org), or pick up one of the prayer booklets available around campus.

## Financial Update as of Jul 3, 2022

2022 Annual Budget	\$ 12,294,000
Income to Date	\$ 5,274,600
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 7,019,400

## Births and Deaths

**Tim Sullivan** passed away June 16, 2022.  
**Adam McCauley** passed away Jun 24, 2022.  
**Eldon Nuss** passed away Jul 1, 2022.