



MDPC Outreach SUNDAY
WE LOVE OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS!

Outreach Sunday, Sep 25, 2022

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome (In-person / Online)

Meliza Gómez / Dan Aikins

Songs of Praise

Forever / Tis So Sweet

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Beth Case

Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision

Moment of Prayer

Dan Aikins

Song of Preparation

Who You Say I Am

Message

Return Rebuild Rejoice: Prayer and Action

Alf Halvorson

[Nehemiah 1:1-11](#) NRSV

9:45 SERVICE

Meet & Greet (In-person / Online)

Meliza Gómez / Amy Delgado

Song of Praise

Never Gonna Stop

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Sarah Stone

Songs of Preparation

Who You Say I Am / Believe for It

Message

Return Rebuild Rejoice: Prayer and Action

Alf Halvorson

[Nehemiah 1:1-11](#) NRSV

Song of Response

Send Me

Outreach Moment

Amy Delgado / Alf Halvorson

Moment of Prayer

Amy Delgado

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Tim Hughes, violin; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Chris Boyer, keys; Gisele Duque and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude

Two Hymn Preludes

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Amy Delgado

Choral Introit

Joined Together as One Body

James Biery (b.1956)

*Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#356; Vs. 1, 3 | NETTLETON

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Christyn Knoop

*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles' Creed

Anthem *Ubi Caritas (Where Charity and Love Prevail) with Piano Solo*

Ola Gjijelo (b.1978)

Outreach Moment

Amy Delgado / Alf Halvorson

Anthem of Preparation

Have Mercy On Me

Clayton White (b.1994)

Message

Return Rebuild Rejoice: Prayer and Action

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[Nehemiah 1:1-11](#) NRSV

*Hymn of Response

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Vs. 1, 2 | SWEET HOUR

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German (b.1954)

Musicians at 11:15: Megan Berti, soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Dillon Shindler, double bass; Kathryn White, organ/piano

The Books of
Ezra & Nehemiah



Prayer and Action

[Nehemiah 1:1-11](#) NRSV

This is the sixth in our Fall Sermon Series on Ezra and Nehemiah. We are now into the third and final phase undertaken by the exiles who have returned from Babylonian Captivity. They are to rebuild the walls around the city, under the direction of Nehemiah. But first we have to get Nehemiah from the capital city of the Persian Empire, Susa, to Jerusalem. It is a compelling story to see how God calls him home, along with the supplies needed to help give hope and accomplish the task.

1. Read Nehemiah 1:1-11, which is the entire first chapter. From verses 2 and 3, how did Nehemiah learn about the trouble back in Judah/Jerusalem while he was in Susa? Who told him? What did Hanani say in the way of how things were going back home?
2. From verse 4, what does Nehemiah do in response to this news? Does his response seem reasonable to you, or over the top? When are a couple of times Jesus reacted like this? Have you ever had that kind of a reaction to some news you received? Share with the group.
3. Verses 5-11 reveal the prayer Nehemiah prayed in response to the problem Hanani shared with him. Parse the prayer. What are names of God here? What does Nehemiah confess or intercede about and/or remind God about in this section? What can you learn (and put into practice) about prayer and praying from his example?
4. I suggested in my sermon that Nehemiah moves from comfortable, to concerned, to caring, and to called. Or, to put another way, he asked for facts, allowed himself to become emotionally involved, prayed for God's help, and then finally decided to become personally involved going forward. When has that happened to you in the past? I showed a clip from the historical drama *Chernobyl*. How did that scene impact you? And from my message, are there needs around you right now that might require your care and perhaps a calling to help?





Hey there!

Are you visiting today? Whether it's your first time or your fiftieth, and in person or online, our Connections team would love the chance to introduce themselves.

Just fill out the brief form at connect.mdpc.org, and stop by the Connection Center in the Lobby for a cool gift!



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

Give Online
give.mdpc.org



Sun, Sep 25 • 10:30am-2:30pm

Give the gift of life! Please note the drive is in the MDPC Gym this time. Sign up at blooddrive.mdpc.org. Walk-ins are welcome.



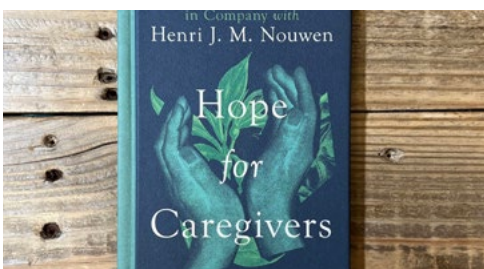
Interest Mtg: Wed, Sep 28 • 6:00pm

Join Alf Halvorson for a fabulous trip to Turkey and Asia Minor in 2023. Details at turkey.mdpc.org.



Thu, Sep 29 • 8:45am-12:30pm

Bless the senior citizens at Mission Centers of Houston! BINGO, lunch, fellowship and much more! Details and sign-up at bites.mdpc.org.



Thu, Oct 6-Nov 17 • 11:45am-12:45pm

Bring your lunch and join other family caregivers for weekly discussions of Henri Nouwen's wonderful *Hope for Caregivers* devotional book. Email Beverly for more: bfluke@mdpc.org



Register today: sports.mdpc.org

Hoop it up! It's time for youth basketball registration! Practices start the week of Nov 29; games start Sat, Jan 7. You must register at MDPC if you want to practice at MDPC!



Sat, Oct 15 • 6:00-9:00pm

Come to our annual celebration of Latin culture with food, music, and more for all ages. Learn more and share the link at flavor.mdpc.org.



Wed, Oct 26 • 6:00pm

Ladies, join us at our semi-annual gathering for all ages and life stages. We'll hear personal stories from MDPC women just like you! Details and RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org.



Sat, Oct 29 • 10:00-11:30am

Preschool parents, round up your littles to come out and enjoy the fall weather! All ages will have a blast. No RSVP needed, so bring your friends!



Sat, Nov 12 • 9:00am-4:00pm

Join Beth Case, Leigh McLeroy, and Amanda Grace Morris in Brenham for a time of spiritual refreshment for women. Sign up at rooted.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 Sep 18, 2022

2022 Annual Budget	\$ 12,294,000
Income to Date	\$ 7,416,722
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 4,877,278