



Tyranny of the Urgent



Sunday, Nov 13, 2022

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

8:30 SERVICE

- Meet & Greet (In-person / Online) Michael Middleton / Clay Brown
- Songs of Praise *Forever / How Great Thou Art*
- *Prayer of Confession & Assurance Clay Brown
- Song of Response *In the Secret*
- Moment of Prayer
- Song of Preparation *God, I Look to You*
- Message **A Call to Calm: Tyranny of the Urgent** Alf Halvorson
[John 17:1-5; Eph 5:15-16](#)
- Song of Response *Take Time to Be Holy*

9:45 SERVICE

- Meet & Greet (In-person / Online) Meliza Gómez / Amanda Shockley
- Song of Praise *Great Things*
- Moment of Confession & Assurance Amanda Shockley
- Songs of Preparation *How Great Thou Art / Death Was Arrested*
- Message **A Call to Calm: Tyranny of the Urgent** Alf Halvorson
[John 17:1-5; Eph 5:15-16](#)
- Song of Response *God, I Look to You*
- Sharing Baptism Stories led by Dan Aikins
- Baptisms Alf Halvorson, Michael Middleton
- Luke Michael Malejan, son of Brian and Kristin Malejan
- August Mitchell Middleton, son of Michael and Jamie Middleton
- Beau Scarbrough Middleton, son of Michael and Jamie Middleton
- Jamie Middleton

Click to read Baptism Stories celebrating God's faithfulness.

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; Chris Parrot, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

- Prelude *Cantabile* César Franck (1822-1890)
- Welcome & Call to Worship Beth Case
- *Hymn of Praise *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* #285; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | AUSTRIAN HYMN
- *Prayer of Confession & Assurance Laurien Hook
- *Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles' Creed
- Commissioned Anthem *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round* Music by Will Todd (b.1970)
Learn more about the commission at [concerts.mdpc.org](#). Words by John Chadwick (1840-1904)
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- *Hymn of Response *There Is a Balm in Gilead* #394; Vs. 1 | BALM IN GILEAD
- Postlude *Praeludium in G Minor* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Musicians at 11:15: Sanctuary Choir; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ

Members of the Anthem Commission Committee: Cassandra Black, Lenni Burke, Peter Ham, Judy Hamelers, Charles Hausmann, June Langford, Anne Turner, David White, Kathryn White, and Kay Ziemba

Baptisms at MDPC

Many will remember the years of MDPC's Mo-Ranch retreat weekend when we would celebrate immersion baptism in the Guadalupe River that runs by the camp. On Palm Sunday 2022, MDPC celebrated immersion baptisms for the first time during our Sunday morning services!

As Presbyterians, the amount of water used is not what matters, but the power of God behind the water. We sprinkle more often than we immerse, but the theology is the same. Our God is One who comes after us, calling us to Jesus. Baptism is the celebration of being called and welcomed into the family of God, much like circumcision was in the Old Testament. But whereas circumcision was limited to male Israelites, baptism is for all who trust Jesus and their families.

Celebrating baptisms through both sprinkling and immersion allows us to lift up multiple metaphors that the biblical authors use to explain baptism. In sprinkling, we emphasize being washed clean of our sin. Immersion baptism emphasizes being buried with Christ and raised with him to new life.

We are excited to continue MDPC's long history celebrating baptism in both ways.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Today during the 11:15 Worship Service • Join us in person or online!

The world premiere of *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round*, a work commissioned by composer Will Todd to honor Choral Director Charles Hausmann's 16 years of service and Organist Kathryn White's 24 years of service.

If you'd like to support the Concert Series, visit concertoffering.mdpc.org or scan the QR code above, or write "Concert" in the memo line of your check. Learn more about the commissioned piece at concerts.mdpc.org.



20th Anniv of Schantz Pipe Organ

Eternal Ruler was completed in 2020 but Covid-19 postponed its premiere to 2022, our Schantz Organ's 20th Anniversary! The work was written with the intent of highlighting the organ.



Sun, Dec 4 • 6:00-7:30pm

Celebrate the season with festive music! The Sanctuary Choir and orchestra present Karl Jenkins' *Gloria* and congregational carols. Free childcare available: concerts.mdpc.org



Sat, Nov 19 • 6:00-8:00pm

All young adults (18-35) are invited to a free event filled with dinner, games, testimonies, and thankfulness! Learn more and RSVP at ya.mdpc.org.



Drop off filled bags through Sunday!

Our goal is to help 1K families have a great Thanksgiving. Please pick up a bag at MDPC, fill it with the items listed at meal.mdpc.org. Thank you!



Fri, Nov 25

Let's transform Black Friday, a national shopping phenomenon, into Bless Friday, a spirit-filled service day! Visit blessfriday.mdpc.org for ideas and ways to get involved.



Bless a Child this Christmas

Please consider sponsoring a child's wish list, or simply bringing a new, unwrapped toy to the Toy Train at MDPC. Learn more at cfk.mdpc.org.



Sun, Dec 4 • 3:30-5:30pm

Games, food, prizes, and more festive fun for the whole family. Admission is free and all are invited! Share the link at christmasfest.mdpc.org.



Tue, Dec 6 | 9:30-11:00am

Ladies, you're invited for treats and chats! Bring your neighbor, mother, daughter, sister, friend... More info at coffee.mdpc.org.



Interested in Baptism?

Infant, adult, or in-between, if you feel baptism is the next step in your faith journey, our pastors would love to speak with you. Scan the QR code to fill out a brief form and we'll be in touch. For more about the sacrament, visit baptism.mdpc.org.

Financial Update as of Nov 6, 2022

2022 Annual Budget	\$ 12,294,000
Income to Date	\$ 8,981,899
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 3,312,101

Births and Deaths

Diane Segerstrom passed away November 1, 2022.

A Call to Calm: Tyranny of the Urgent

[John 15:1-5; Eph 5:15-16 NRSV](#)

This is a stand-alone message after our long eleven-week series on Ezra/Nehemiah. We will in short order be careening toward Thanksgiving and Christmas—if we are not careful. I wanted us to pause and ponder how we might approach the rest of the year in a more intentional and a less out of control (and stressful) way.

1. What are your individual and/or family practices from now through the end of the year? Are you usually in balance with your life and work and faith or do you feel out of control during this timeframe?
2. Read John 17:1-5. As Jesus approaches His betrayal and death on a cross, how does He pray to the Father? What strikes you as impressive in this prayer? Does anything strike you as odd in the prayer? Why?
3. In John 17:4, Jesus says, “I glorified You on earth by finishing the work that You gave Me to do.” How could Jesus say that when there were many who had not heard Him teach, or had not been healed by Him? Heck, Jesus never wrote His memoir. What is Jesus getting at here? And how might we finish the work God has for us to do this fall, without burning out?
4. Paul in Ephesians 5:15-16 challenges the followers of Jesus in the great city of Ephesus to “Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time (or in Greek, *redeeming the time*), because the days are evil.” What do you think Paul means here? Did any of my examples in my message give you ideas for your own life the rest of this year? What would be Kairos Time for you instead of just Chronos Time, as I talked about in my sermon?
5. How can we really be calm amid the chaos, and not be sidetracked by *the urgent* as we seek to focus on *the important* regarding our relationship with God and with those God has placed in our lives this Thanksgiving and Christmas?

