

Sunday, April 8, 2018



PRAY LIKE JESUS

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE LORD'S PRAYER



The Prayer Paradigm: An Overview of The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:1-8 | Dave Steane Preaching

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME

Beth Case

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Brett Hurst

SONG OF PREPARATION

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

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Dave Steane

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION WITH CALL TO WORSHIP

BAPTISMS

Dave Steane

Parker James Beasley, son of Brad and Kelsey Beasley
Scarlett Valentine Blanchard, daughter of Stephen and Kimberly Blanchard
John Logan Engvall III "Trey", son of John Engvall and Christy Engvall

*MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Sarah Stone

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GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

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Musicians in these services: Gisele Duque and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders • Daniel Amaya, bass • George Heathco, guitar • Daniel Martinez, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDES

Andante Religioso
Prelude in F

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Case

CHORAL INTROIT

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

#476; Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 | LYONS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Amy Delgado

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

ANTHEM

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

OFFERTORY

At the Name of Jesus

Rene Clausen (b. 1953)

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

#339; Vs. 1, 2 | SLANE

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Kathryn White, organist

*Please stand if able.

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YOU MAKE THE [PRAYER] TEAM!

Join MDPC's Partner in Prayer Team! A representative from MDPC Caring Ministries is in the Lobby today, eager to answer your questions or provide you with prayer partners and prayer resources.

Visit the table in the Sanctuary Lobby this morning
between services, or sign up today at pip.mdpc.org.



MDPC Concert Series

2017-2018

Next Sunday, April 15
6:00-7:30 PM • Sanctuary

The combined choirs of MDPC and Prairie View A&M and a professional orchestra perform *Chichester Psalms* by Leonard Bernstein in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the composer's birth, and *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé.



FREE ADMISSION • All are welcome!

All-Church Lunch Today

Come enjoy salmon or pork shank with fresh vegetable sides or an entrée salad. Chicken tenders for the kids.
11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall | \$10/adult, \$4/kid
food.mdpc.org

How to Thrive in a World of Fear

MDPC's Speaker Series welcomes Dr. Mark Labberton, Fuller Seminary President and professor of preaching.
Thursday, April 26 | 7:00 PM
Details: speakers.mdpc.org

First Communion Retreat

This special event is for 1st-5th graders and parents, designed to prepare children for First Communion and give them a clear understanding of this important sacrament.
Wednesday, April 25 | 6:00-8:00 PM | The Galaxy
First Communion: Sunday, April 29
Register: communion.mdpc.org

Kids' Meals Monthly Service Project

Help feed hungry preschoolers! Just bring 4 loaves of bread per sandwich-maker, and come make sandwiches for Kids' Meals. That's all it takes to make a difference.
Weds, April 11 | 4:30-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Contact Julie for information: hempeljulie@gmail.com

POP Lay Chaplaincy Training

Do you have a heart for listening and a love for God's people? POP trains volunteers to help individuals in the coping and healing process of healthcare treatments. Free.
Saturday, April 14 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM | MDPC
Register: popministry.org

Please Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

This week, we're lifting in prayer these MDPC partners:

Cho-Yeh Camp is a place where Jesus transforms lives through meaningful relationships and outdoor adventures. cho-yeh.org

CCSC Martha's Way helps low-income women increase their earning potential by starting and operating a business. ccshouston.com

MDPC Field Partners Reverends David and Kim train and coach church leaders and new Christians in Asia.

College of Biblical Studies' affordable tuition, financial aid, and flexible class schedules help students who otherwise might not be able to obtain college degrees. cbshouston.edu

Cornerstone Family Ministries partners with churches to address practical & spiritual needs of Spring Branch families. cfmhouston.org

African Enterprise is a global partnership that believes in a bright future for Africa under the Lordship of Jesus. africanenterprise.org

THE WELL WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

Women of all ages and life stages: Hear from a panel of real, honest women how the "roadblocks" they've encountered prepared them for the rest of their lives.

WED, APRIL 18 • 6:30 PM • CHAPEL

Light snacks at 6:00 PM in the Parlor.

Please RSVP: thewell.mdpc.org

Childcare by reservation: childcare.mdpc.org



Does the OT Have a Dark Side?

For the next four Sundays, guest speakers tackle Old Testament topics like Violence, Oppression, Rituals & Sacrifices, and Slavery. With time for Q&A and each scholar bringing his or her own flavor to the discussion, it's sure to be interesting. This class is for ALL ages and stages of faith.
Begins Today! 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | Amphitheater
Details: darkside.mdpc.org

Five Love Languages Starts Today

For couples of all ages, whether looking for a marriage tune-up, or to turn a joy-filled engagement into wedded bliss. Learn the tools to create a lifetime of love!
Sundays, April 8-May 13 | 11:00 AM | MC 116
Details: fivelove.mdpc.org

Empowered to Connect

Join MDPC Safe Haven Ministry for a live simulcast of the Empowered to Connect Conference. Experience practical teaching in a supportive community as we work to equip families, churches, and professionals to better serve kids impacted by adoption and foster care.
April 13 & 14 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM | \$10 per person
To register, email Keri Mosk: kmosk@mdpc.org

Home Encouragement Annual Luncheon

The fundraiser guest speaker will be Reid Ryan, President and CEO of the 2017 World Series Champion Houston Astros. Business attire or your "Astros best!"
Friday, May 4 | Hotel Sorella City Centre
To purchase tickets, visit homeencouragement.org or contact Kellie Hurst (kellie@homeencouragement.org).

Today's Chancel Flowers

are given in honor of Parker Beasley's baptism and in celebration of his 1st birthday. Parker is the grandson of Nancy Beasley.

The White Rose is in memory of

Vicki Carol Sims, who passed away January 24, 2018.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 2,589,052
Actual Income to Date (4/1/18)	\$ 2,645,036
Current Income Surplus	\$ 55,984
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 8,954,964



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Today we begin a new sermon series focusing on *The Lord's Prayer*. Researcher and author George Barna has noted that "Prayer is not only the most common faith practice among American adults (79% have prayed at least once in the past three months), it's also one of the most complex and multifaceted... Perhaps the only consistent thing about people's prayers is that they are different."

There are two places in the gospels where Jesus taught His disciples about prayer. A more concise version of *The Lord's Prayer* is found in Luke 11:1-4, and a more robust version is found in the middle of *The Sermon on the Mount* in Matthew 6:9-13. In Matthew's version, Jesus prefaced *The Lord's Prayer* with important lessons on the nature and attitude of prayer, which is our focus in today's message.

1. Jesus began by offering a strong warning to His disciples: "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them..." Here was direct critique of the religious leaders of His day, who sought to have their reputation bolstered by their pious actions. This is not an ancient problem. It is a human problem. Reflect on a time when you've seen someone doing this. Or, can you recall a time when you've done this?
2. In verses 2-4, Jesus supports the above statement with an illustration about giving to the poor. Rather than attracting attention to the benevolence, Jesus instructs that His disciples are to give *secretly*. Furthermore, Jesus said that their Father (God) sees what is done in secret and will provide a reward. What do you see as some of the motives for giving *publicly* so as to attract attention to oneself? In what ways can you identify with this?
3. In verses 5-8, Jesus support His thesis with a second illustration about prayer. The same ethic is found. Attention-getting public prayer is not a Kingdom value. Rather, private, reverent, and authentic prayer is pleasing to God. When you are asked to pray in public, how does that prayer differ from your private prayers? What does your private prayer life look like? Where do you pray? When do you pray? Why do you pray? About what do you pray?
4. In his research, George Barna has noted that the top three subjects that receive prayer are (1) gratitude and thanksgiving, (2) needs of family and community, and (3) guidance in crisis. In the coming weeks in this series, we will explore *The Lord's Prayer* as a model for prayer. This prayer focuses our attention vertically on God, and also focuses our attention horizontally on ourselves and others. To what extent do you use *The Lord's Prayer* as a model for your own prayers?
5. Can you identify one take-away from Matthew 6:1-8 that can enhance your understanding and practice of prayer? Reflect on that take-away and determine how you'll put it into action.

