



MDPC
Memorial Drive
Presbyterian Church

Father's Day Sunday, June 17, 2018

WRESTLING WITH SCRIPTURE



God of Judgment or God of Love? Jsh 6:20-21; 2 Sam 6:3-7; Jn 3:16-17; Ps 103:10-12; Lk 13:1-5

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		
SONG OF PREPARATION		
OFFERTORY		
MESSAGE	God of Judgment or God of Love?	Clay Brown
	Joshua 6:20-21; 2 Samuel 6:3-7; John 3:16-17; Psalm 103:10-12; Luke 13:1-5 (NLT)	
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION WITH CALL TO WORSHIP		
BAPTISM		Clay Brown
	Olivia Grace Osteen, daughter of Bryan and Lacey Osteen	
MOMENT OF CONFESSION		Sarah Stone
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OFFERTORY		

Musicians in these services: Lindsey Darnell and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Daniel Amaya, bass • George Heathco, guitar • Daniel Martinez, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE	<i>The Swan</i> <i>Shall We Gather at the River?</i>	Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921) arr. Charles Callahan (b.1951)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>The Lord Is Great (from "The Creation")</i>	F. J. Haydn (1732-1809)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	#376; vs. 1, 2, 4 HYFRYDOL
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Beth Case
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	#485; vs. 1 TO GOD BE THE GLORY
ANTHEM	<i>Fulfilled in One Word (from Every Purpose Under the Heaven)</i>	Goodall (b.1958)/arr. White
OFFERTORY	<i>The Love of God</i>	Dan Forrest (b.1978)
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*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	#485; vs. 2 TO GOD BE THE GLORY
POSTLUDE	<i>Sortie</i>	Nicholas Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

Musicians in this service: Miriam Belyatsky, violin • Jessica Ferring, soprano • Charles Hausmann, conductor • Dorian McCall, bass • Kathryn White, organ/piano • Brian Yeakley, tenor

*Please stand if able.

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Know the Bible Better with Pastor Pods

MDPC staff teachers, seminarians, and pastors paired up for podcasts on the *Wrestling with Scripture* summer sermon series, tackling some of the toughest texts of the Bible!

All five episodes are available now:

pastor pods.mdpc.org





June Is MAM Month!

Our ministry partner **Memorial Assistance Ministries** offers items to help families stretch their budgets. Please consider donating needed items. Grab one of the “shopping list” fliers to take on your next grocery trip and drop donations in the shopping carts around campus.

Thank you for helping out neighborhood families!



Happy Father's Day!

Today we're celebrating dads, grandads, and dad-types! Come get a root beer and pretzels on us, and take a picture in the themed photo booth in the Breezeway.

Snacks in the Parlor Hallway (for 8:30 and Fuente services) or Sanctuary Breezeway (for 9:45 and 11:15).

Men's Life 2018: Core Training

The all-new ML curriculum is about the foundational principles that strengthen the core of what makes us men. Invite a buddy or two to this 12-week Core Training to rebuild the inner workings of your life. No matter where a guy is in his walk with Christ, Men's Life is for everyone!

Tuesday Mornings, September 11-December 4

New Time! 6:30-7:45 AM (Breakfast at 6:00 AM)

Details and registration: ml.mdpc.org

Summer Movie Series

Prime Timers proudly hosts another summer film series! Beat the heat while enjoying popcorn and acclaimed films. Everyone is welcome, free of charge.

Select Wednesdays | 3:00 PM | Amphitheater

June 20: *Ferdinand* (PG; animated; closed caption)

Save the Dates: July 25, August 1

**Visit pluggedin.com to review movie content.*

Preschool Playground Playdate

Snow cones and fun provided! Play in the sun and meet the Children's Ministries summer interns. Preschoolers only; parent must be present.

Wednesday, June 20 | 2:30-3:30 PM

RSVP to Mayra Escamilla: mescamilla@mdpc.org

Mentoring at Spring Woods Middle School

Are you an empty nester who misses one-on-one time with a young person? Do you want to help shape a student's future? Consider being a mentor for a 6th grader at Spring Woods Middle School. It involves 40 minutes a week for 8 months of the school year - and it will bless your life!

Contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org, 713-490-9552

Host Homes for Kanakuk Counselors

Families are needed to host college-age counselors for Kanakuk Kampout, providing a place to stay plus breakfast and dinner each day. We also need medical volunteers for the week (CPR and First Aid trained).

August 5-10 (Camp info: kampout.mdpc.org)

Please contact Alicia if you can be a host family or medical volunteer (aboykin@mdpc.org, 713-490-9261).

Summer Celebration Is July 9-13

We'd love donations of old electronics and small appliances like toasters, vacuums, mixers, radios (no glass or screens, please), as well as old adult-size T-shirts (preferably in bright colors for use in weaving projects).

Teen and adult volunteers are needed, too!

Sign up to volunteer: sc.mdpc.org

The Outreach Foundation Trip to Cuba

September 6-14, 2018 (approx.)

MDPC Global Partner, the Outreach Foundation, is hosting a trip to Cuba to visit Matanzas' Evangelical Theological Seminary and meet with church leaders and congregations in Havana and Santa Clara. See God at work through the church in Cuba, absorb the history and culture that shape the ministry context, and learn how changes in relations between our nations affect them. Space is limited and on a first-come basis.

Registration deadline is Monday, June 25.

Contact Kelsi McCormack for information:

kmccormack@mdpc.org

Married Life Prep

Are you engaged? Did you get married in the last few years? Then grab your spouse(-to-be) and join us for Married Life Prep! Taught at MDPC by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement, it combines Biblical teaching with the best current marriage research.

Sundays, July 8-29 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Register: mlp.mdpc.org

Today's Chancel Flowers are given

- by Ruby Riedel and family, in memory of Alan Riedel.
- for Becca Roth, remembered with great love by Stacey, Marilyn, Frank, Scott, and Andrew.

Please Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

This week, join us in lifting in prayer these MDPC partners in ministry:

Houston Achievement Place helps children and their care-providers develop the relationships and skills necessary for home, school, and life success. It provides foster care, adoption programs, and life skills classes.

h-a-p.org

America's largest food bank in distribution to its network of nearly 600 hunger-relief charities, **Houston Food Bank** provides 74 million nutritious meals to food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, and other agencies, feeding 137,000 people each week.

houstonfoodbank.org

Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and experience “living water”—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. Mission teams work in poor communities to provide a water well and hygiene education, and to share the love of Christ. Pray for LWI teams as they drill water wells in these communities.

water.cc

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 4,027,368
Actual Income to Date (6/10/18)	\$ 4,090,791
Current Income Surplus	\$ 63,423
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 7,509,209



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Hear MDPC pastors and teachers dig in to the topics:
pastorpods.mdpc.org

God of Judgment or God of Love?

Joshua 6:20-21; 2 Samuel 6:3-7; John 3:16-17; Psalm 103:10-12; Luke 13:1-5 | Clay Brown preaching

This is the third in our summer series on the tough texts and topics of Scripture with which we wrestle. It's even more of a doozie than last week! What about the differences between the Old Testament God and the New Testament God? The God of judgment versus the God of love? Are we even talking about the same God? What is going on?

1. Read Joshua 6:20-21 and 2 Samuel 6:3-7. Both passages refer to events that bother us greatly and leave us wondering, *Why would God either command or do such a thing?* What similar events in the Old Testament cause us spiritual heartburn?
2. Now read John 3:16-17. Paraphrase what these two familiar verses are saying. Please note how different in tone and tenor this communication about God's purpose and action sounds than what we referenced above. What may account for the difference?
3. Some people believe that the God of the Old Testament is not only a different God than the God of the New Testament, but that the Old Testament God is evil, vengeful, and capricious. The sermon quotes two luminaries who have made this point in different ways: Gary Larson (through humor) and Richard Dawkins (through invective). What are valid and helpful Christian responses to such viewpoints?
4. As the sermon unfolds, it brings out additional Scriptural texts showing that God's love is present in the Old Testament (Psalm 103:10-12) and His judgment is present in the New Testament (Luke 13:1-5). What is your response to discovering this more well-rounded understanding of God's character and nature? How does this change or affect your response to questions #1 and #2 above?
5. The sermon seeks to make the point that God's justice, as revealed through His judgment, and God's grace, as revealed through His love, are both essential to His holiness. What happens if God's justice is missing from the equation? God's grace? How do both judgment and love, when combined together, reveal God's transcendence and purity?
6. Can we trust a God who is just but not loving? Can we trust a God who is loving but not just? Why is the God revealed through both Old and New Testaments worthy of our trust and commitment?

