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### Community Life Center

Amphitheater  
 Gym  
 Youth (The Loft)  
 Adult Studies

### Chapel

8:30 AM Worship  
 11:15 AM Adoración

### Ministry Center

Front Office  
 Adult Classrooms  
 Preschool (Ark)  
 Elementary (Galaxy)  
 Summit Room  
 Fellowship Hall

### Sanctuary

Connection Center  
 Gathering Room

 Campus map posted  Information Centers

# Celebrate Easter

Sunday, April 16, 2017



The Last Words from the Cross  
 Sermon Series

## Next Sunday, April 23

12:15 PM | Fellowship Hall  
[fuente10.mdpc.org](http://fuente10.mdpc.org)

Come celebrate the 10th Anniversary of MDPC Fuente Hispanic Ministries! We'll have music, testimonies, cultural dances, food, and lots of fun.

**RSVP to Luz Pérez: [lperez@mdpc.org](mailto:lperez@mdpc.org)**



## Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

This week, we ask that you pray for these partners in ministry that MDPC assists with your support:

**Easter Seals** ministers to adults with a range of physical and cognitive disabilities, most of whom are low to extremely low income and have few opportunities for activities or social engagement. They meet weekly at MDPC for yoga, ceramics, speakers, and lunch. The needs of Houston's disabled adults far exceed the available resources.

[eastersealshouston.org](http://eastersealshouston.org)

**Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS)** is a faith-based organization serving the vulnerable and at-risk. It educates and provides support for them to gain access to healthcare, education, and job training. ECHOS offers health screenings, a food pantry, ESL classes, and more for families in the community.

[echos-houston.org](http://echos-houston.org)

**Evangelical Theological Seminary Cairo (ETSC)** has produced almost all of the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt. The seminary equips students to witness to the gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt in the midst of political and cultural transitions, especially in neighboring Sudan. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC's team as they share the love of Jesus.

[etsc.org](http://etsc.org)

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# MDPC EASTER WORSHIP

\*Please stand if able.

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## 7:00 AM SUNRISE SERVICE

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

### \*SONGS OF CELEBRATION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Brett Hurst

### MESSAGE

The 7 Last Words from the Cross: The Final Word

Alf Halvorson

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

In this service: Meliza Gómez & Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Tim Hughes, violin • Asher Pudlo, cajón • Dennis Whittaker, bass

## 8:15 AM BLENDED SERVICE

### GATHERING SONG

### WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

### \*SONGS OF CELEBRATION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Christyn Knoop

### SONG OF RESPONSE

### MESSAGE

The 7 Last Words from the Cross: The Final Word

Alf Halvorson

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

In this service: Arthur Ceker, guitar • Meliza Gómez & Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Craig Gysler, keys • Tim Hughes, violin • Asher Pudlo, cajón • Dennis Whittaker, bass • Ellie Antestenis, Lauren Dodds, Kyle Goodson, & Stephanie Muschalik, actors

## 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

### \*OPENING SONG

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Everett Taylor

### \*SONGS OF PRAISE

### WELCOME

Rachel Poysky

### SONG OF RESPONSE

### MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Tara Reynolds

### GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Dave Steane

### MESSAGE

The 7 Last Words from the Cross: The Final Word

Alf Halvorson

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

In this service: Arthur Ceker, guitar • Meliza Gómez, Sonnie Kimani, & Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Craig Gysler, keys • Tim Hughes, violin • Asher Pudlo, cajón • Dennis Whittaker, bass • Ellie Antestenis, Lauren Dodds, Kyle Goodson, & Stephanie Muschalik, actors • The Music Box Kids' Choir

## 11:15 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

### PRELUDE

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr. McKechnie/White

### \*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Vs. 1, 2, 4 | arr. John Rutter (b.1945)

### WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Lift High the Cross*

#371; Vs. 1, 2 | CRUCIFER

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Rick Myers

### ANTHEM

*Hallelujah (from The Mount of Olives)*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

### OFFERTORY

*To the Lamb on the Throne*

Dan Forrest (b.1978)

### MESSAGE

The 7 Last Words from the Cross: The Final Word

Alf Halvorson

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

arr. White

In this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Julio Sanchez, percussion • Robert Walp, John Parker, trumpet • Kathryn White, organ • Rick White, Brian Logan, trombone • Ellie Antestenis, Lauren Dodds, Kyle Goodson, & Stephanie Muschalik, actors • MDPC Sanctuary Choir

## THE WELL WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

# WHY I HOPE...

Meet us at The Well, a gathering place for women of all ages and life stages to commune and connect. This April, we come together to hear a panel of real, honest women share their personal stories of hope.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 • CHAPEL**  
**6:30-8:00 PM (LIGHT SNACKS @ 6:00 PM)**

For details, to RSVP, and to reserve free childcare:  
[thewell.mdpc.org](http://thewell.mdpc.org)



MDPC PROUDLY WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER

## Rear Admiral Margaret Grun Kibben

Thursday, April 27 • 7:00 PM

Spend a faith-building evening with Kibben as she discusses serving Christ and country, her work with Wounded Warriors, and her boundary-breaking career.

[kibben.mdpc.org](http://kibben.mdpc.org)



## Lunch & Learn

Sunday, April 30  
12:30-1:30 PM

As Stephen Minister walks beside those who are hurting or facing difficulties in life. If you would like to learn more about how to potentially become a Stephen Minister, join us for this informational Lunch &

Learn. Ask questions, and hear from current Stephen Ministers about their experiences.



Contact Beverly Fluke at [bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9542 for information and to RSVP.



safe haven  
Adoption and Foster Care Ministry at MDPC

Safe Haven Ministry exists to encourage, educate, and empower foster and adoptive families.

Support Group Meetings • Parent Respite Events  
Training Opportunities • Family Camp  
Lots of fun activities throughout the year!

To be added to our email list, contact Keri Mosk at [kmosk@mdpc.org](mailto:kmosk@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9265.

Next Evening Support Group: Monday, May 8  
Visit [safehaven.mdpc.org](http://safehaven.mdpc.org) for details.

"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on My behalf is welcoming Me."

# Poverty SIMULATION



Living life on the edge...how many of us really know what that's like?

Join Spring Branch ISD and IMPACT Mentoring for an interactive experience that will give you a better understanding of the day-to-day struggles of many in our community.

Tuesday, April 25  
5:30-7:30 PM at MDPC

Please register: [poverty.mdpc.org](http://poverty.mdpc.org)



SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

# EASTER DEDICATIONS

THE EASTER LILIES THAT ADORN OUR  
SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL WERE GIVEN IN  
HONOR OR MEMORY OF THESE LOVED ONES...



Ann Miller in memory of son, Kendrick Miller  
Marion Mitchell in memory of her mother, Helen Masson Copeland  
Carolyn Moore in memory of James Sartin, my brother  
Carolyn Moore in honor of M.D. Anderson  
Carolyn Moore in memory of Betty Fitts, my grandmother  
Carolyn Moore in memory of Carroll Sartin, my father  
Norman and Barbara Moore in memory of their parents  
Norman and Barbara Moore in memory of Norman H. Moore, Sr.  
Norman and Barbara Moore in memory of Elizabeth S. Moore  
Norman and Barbara Moore in memory of Harry A. Lord  
Norman and Barbara Moore in memory of Geraldine Lord  
Barbara Mueller in honor of the volunteers for Special Blessings  
Ted and Jenny Meyer in memory of Daniel Bulat, beloved son  
The Butrum, DeLaat, and Nelson families in honor of Ernie Nelson  
The Butrum, DeLaat, and Nelson families in memory of Gus and Anne Snellgrove  
The Butrum, DeLaat, and Nelson families in memory of Betty Nelson  
Your grandkids, Cameron, Cooper, Conner, Will, Brantley, and Elizabeth in honor of Sally and Dennis Nelson  
Your grandkids, Cooper and Brantley, in honor of Joyce and Will Horn  
The DeLaat and Nelson families in honor of Elizabeth Brantley Butrum, born on April 9, 2017  
Janet Nemitz in memory of my husband, Jerry Nemitz  
Dimitri Papakyriacou in honor of my son, Stefan Papakyriacou  
Dimitri Papakyriacou in memory of my granddaughter, Helen Papas  
The Perkins family in memory of Rosemary Ross Perkins  
Chris and Gayle Price in honor of Franc C. Price, Sr., our courageous father  
Chris and Gayle Price in memory of our mothers, Melinda Burkhart Dunne and Donna Kindred  
Carolyn and Bill Purifoy in memory of our son Dr. W.L. Purifoy  
Carolyn and Bill Purifoy in memory of her mother, Grace Bauernschmidt  
The Pyburn family in memory of our parents, Frances and Ted Pyburn  
Gayle Quisenberry in memory of J. Randall Quisenberry  
Marilyn, Lesli, Jim Riopelle in memory of Steven James Riopelle  
Beverly and Charles Roberts in memory of Mary Roberts and Dorothy Fitch (their mothers)  
Trae and Amy Roby in honor of our parents, Ted and Betty Roby, Al and Joan Heiser  
Trae and Amy Roby in honor of our six grandchildren

The Siciliano family in memory of Ruth and Alfred Siciliano  
Ann Sirota in memory of Frieda Sirota and Hazel Lewis  
Adelaide and Ted Smith in honor of Leslie and Bill Mathias on their 25th anniversary  
Adelaide and Ted Smith in honor of our grandchildren, Meg and Tommy Mathias  
Don and Virginia Smith in memory of Bob Fillpot  
Don and Virginia Smith in memory of Walter Workman  
Sheila and Rick Stegall in honor of all of our families and friends  
Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of the Murchison family and friends who are no longer with us  
Sheila and Rick Stegall in memory of the Stegall family and friends who are no longer with us  
Rusty and Robin Sturgis in honor of Alyssa Sturgis  
Rusty and Robin Sturgis in memory of Christine Van Osdall  
David Thomas in honor of Jenny and Ted Meyer  
The Vogel family in memory of our parents, Ruthie and Bill Vogel  
David and Sandra Appel Voigt in honor of Robert C. Appel, Jr.  
David and Sandra Appel Voigt in honor of Ethel Voigt  
Jo Ann Walkinshaw in honor of Bill "C.B." Walkinshaw  
With love from Mona Williams, the Rick Bradford family, and the Chris Jaeger family in memory of Barbara Smith  
Jacky Woike in honor of Stephanie and John Wilkinson and family  
Jacky Woike in honor of Dianne Warren and Dan English  
Jacky Woike in honor of Joe and Sue Warren  
Jacky Woike in memory of husband, Bill Woike  
Ray Young in memory of Susan Young  
Ray Young in memory of Laura Young

We apologize for any omissions from or errors in this list.  
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Clay and Megan Albrecht in honor of George Albrecht

Jack, Sally, and Crista Anderson in memory of Marta Leigh Anderson

Linda C. Anderson in gratitude for Alf and Shari Halvorson

Linda C. Anderson in honor of our precious grandchildren, Sutton, Andy, and Quinn Walsh

Linda C. Anderson in honor of our precious grandchildren, Parker, Caroline, and Kent Kubitza

Linda C. Anderson in honor of our precious grandchildren, Ellison and Evans Anderson

Linda C. Anderson in gratitude for our loving children, Marc and Whitney Walsh

Linda C. Anderson in loving memory of D. Kent Anderson

Linda C. Anderson in gratitude for our loving children, Dan and Huntley Kubitza

Linda C. Anderson in gratitude for our loving children, Clarke and Elle Anderson

The Arend and Schrader families in memory of Vicki Elizabeth Schrader

Kristen and Michael Arnett in honor of Carolyn and Butch Arnett

Kristen and Michael Arnett in honor of Bert Clark

Kristen and Michael Arnett in memory of Linda Clark

Nancy Beasley in memory of Steve Beasley

Ellen Beeckman and R. J. Kepke in memory of Susan Young

Ginger Benfield and Steve Jarvis in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jarvis

Ginger Benfield and Steve Jarvis in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Bowden

Ginger Benfield and Steve Jarvis in memory of Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Benfield, Jr.

Gerald and Sandy Bennett in memory of Walter Workman (dear friend)

Gerald and Sandy Bennett in honor of Sandy's mother, Eulamae Turley

Gerald and Sandy Bennett in memory of Sandy's father, Gilbert Turley

Gerald and Sandy Bennett in memory of our friend Bob Fillpot

Gerald and Sandy Bennett in memory of Gerald's parents, Lowell and Veneda Bennett

Penny Marie Patch Heap Bryant in memory of Laura Kay Katherine Holloway Lamar Van Hoy Plumlee Lamar

Jeremy Buttram and Lizzie Green-Burns in memory of Eric Allen

Jeremy Buttram and Lizzie Green-Burns in memory of Jeanne Allen

Jeremy Buttram and Lizzie Green-Burns in memory of Collie Wade

Jeremy Buttram and Lizzie Green-Burns in memory of Jeanne Lowe

Jeremy Buttram and Lizzie Green-Burns in memory of Paul Lowe

The Robert Byrd family in memory of Jeanne Holley and Bill and Mary Jane Byrd

Claire Caldwell in memory of Robert W. Scott, Sr.

Claire Caldwell in memory of Ralph and Dot Caldwell

Robert Chapman in memory of Marilyn Chapman

Erin and Preston Cunningham in honor of our daughters, Ellie and Meredith

Tracy Curtis-Stidam in memory of Evelyn Figures, my Granny (I miss you)

Tracy Curtis-Stidam in memory of James L. Figures, Sr., my Papa (I miss you)

Mary Jane Dickerson in memory of Dave Dickerson

Mary Jane Dickerson in memory of Patsy Ingels

Mary Jane Dickerson in memory of Ron and Villette Smith

Stacy and Rickie Duke in memory of Vaughn and Audrey Jenkins

Stacy and Rickie Duke in memory of Sidney and Willie Sullivan

Stacy and Rickie Duke in memory of Jimmie Sullivan

Stacy and Rickie Duke in memory of James V. Walsh

Bucky and Suzanne Farrow in memory of Grant Judge, Jr.

Bucky and Suzanne Farrow in memory of Carolyn Judge

Bill and Jan Fawley in memory of our parents

Sharalynn, Tim, Charles, and Greydon Fenn in honor of Mickey and Al Sanders and their 50th wedding anniversary

Beverly and Bob Fluke in memory of Beverly's mother, Francis Hughes

The Foltz family in memory of Odessa Schronk

The Jeff and Mary French family in memory of Jim French

Mary Lee and Walter Going in honor of Bill and Penni, Sidney and Carter Going

Mary Lee and Walter Going in memory of Eugenia and Walter Going

Mary Lee and Walter Going in memory of Helen and Milford Carter

Mary Lee and Walter Going in honor of John and Shannon, Jack, Henry, and Daniel Going

Carrie, Jim, William, and Michael Goolsby in memory of June and Jack Long

Carol and Dick Harris (Nana and Grandad) in memory of Grant William Hallmark

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of Dorothy Blackford

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of Clayborn Blackford

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of Clarice Hawk

Ken and Barbara Isham in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Isham

Ken and Barbara Isham in memory of Fred Isham, parents

Ken and Barbara Isham in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kenady, parents

Ken and Barbara Isham in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Isham, son and wife

Debbie and Marc Irvin in honor of our family

Debbie and Marc Irvin in memory of Marina and Don Irvin

Debbie and Marc Irvin in memory of Ralph Fluker

Malcolm and Risé Johns in memory of Colonel George Ford

Malcolm and Risé Johns in memory of Dawson and Dorothy Johns

Malcolm and Risé Johns in memory of James and Norman Rutter

Malcolm and Risé Johns in memory of James and Helen Wright

John, Ginny, Xavier, and David Kemper in memory of Linda Kemper

John Kemper in honor of Mildred Kemper

Calvin and Dorothy (McNeill) Koomey in memory of Sarah Elizabeth McNeill

Calvin and Dorothy (McNeill) Koomey in memory of Helen Miriam Koomey

Kay and John Krebs in honor of our three sons and their families

Kay and John Krebs in memory of our parents

Betty Lang in memory of Edna Ashby Rimel

Robert Marette in honor of Sue Marette

Robert Marette in honor of Scott Marette

Robert Marette in honor of Jennifer Marette

Robert Marette in honor of Jamie Marette

Robert Marette in honor of Stephanie Marette

Robert Marette in memory of Elizabeth Marette

Robert Marette in memory of Fred Marette

The Marshall family in honor of Tricia Koehler

The Marshall family in honor of Mimi Wells

The Marshall family in honor of the Kimani family

Annie Marshall in honor of Martha Moore

Annie Marshall in honor of Rachel Poysky

Annie Marshall in honor of Shirley Swinbank

Annie Marshall in memory of David Yunker

John and Jaclyn Martinson in memory of his mother, Jane Finlayson

John and Jaclyn Martinson in memory of her mother, Lenore Norwood

Ann Miller in memory of husband, Joseph Miller



The **Last Words**  
from the **Cross**  
Mark 16:1-8a

## The Final Word: Zest (<sup>\</sup>'zest\') noun

1. hearty enjoyment
2. gusto

*Spend a few minutes reflecting on this word before reading further. Use the back of this sheet to jot some thoughts.*

Sometimes, there's nothing more relaxing than sitting in a dark theater, eating fistfuls of buttery popcorn, and watching a great story unfold on screen, when all of a sudden...

**PLOT TWIST!** Just when you think your movie-going experience couldn't get any better, the exhilarating unexpected happens and changes the course of the entire story. Occasionally, these plot twists are delivered in one dramatic line spoken by a character in the story. For example, some of my favorites:

"No, I am your father." – Darth Vader, *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*

"Where we're going, we don't need roads." – Doc Brown, *Back to the Future*

"I wasn't aiming for the truck..." – Buzz Lightyear, *Toy Story*

Several times in scripture, Jesus indicated to His disciples that He was going to die. He would say things like, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and after three days He will rise" (Mark 9:31). Knowing how the story ends, we have an advantage over the disciples. When Jesus spoke this way, His followers pretty much said to each other, "What on earth is this guy talking about?" At the time, they couldn't understand how Jesus was going to die and be raised from the dead – it was too inconceivable. But this is where the story gets really exciting!

This week's passage begins on the scene of probably the greatest plot twist of all time. Sunday morning after Jesus' crucifixion, the women approaching the tomb were fully expecting to find His body awaiting preparation for a proper burial. Instead, a stranger welcomed them and uttered: "He has risen! He is not here."

The good news of Jesus' resurrection carries much meaning for us. We were once dead in our transgressions and sin (Ephesians 2:1), but God, who is rich in mercy, offers us something resembling zest – not simply life, but full life! We are free from any semblance of a life burdened by sin, trying to be "good enough" to get into heaven, or a life of meandering, purposeless drudgery. God doesn't want that for us! God wants joy-filled life for all those who trust in God's great gift to mankind: "He is risen!"

The greatest plot twist of all time.

Begin by reading aloud the opening reflection, followed by the Scripture passage (Mark 16:1-8a).

1. What did this passage stir up for you this week? Any questions, insights, convictions?
2. Jesus foretold His death numerous times (Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:32-34.) Why do you think the empty tomb was so shocking to the women in the passage?
3. Read Matthew 26:55-56. What do the disciples do after Jesus' arrest? Have you ever faced a hardship that has made you want to abandon your faith in God? Please share, if you feel comfortable.
4. Now look back to this week's passage and focus on verse 7. Jesus instructed the messenger to send the women to tell His disciples to meet Jesus in Galilee. When the situation became bleak, the disciples had abandoned Jesus, and Jesus had every right to disown them for it. But He makes sure to emphasize that they are still His disciples. Describe a time in your life where you have been extended grace when you didn't deserve it. God offers us forgiveness in the midst of our unfaithfulness. This is the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection – through Him, our sins our forgiven!
5. What is your greatest takeaway this week? What has the Holy Spirit stirred up in you as a response to this lesson? How might you now look at life differently? Does this knowledge spark a deeper gratitude for Christ? How might this change your Christian walk? In what particular ways could the other members of the group encourage you, challenge you, and pray for you?

