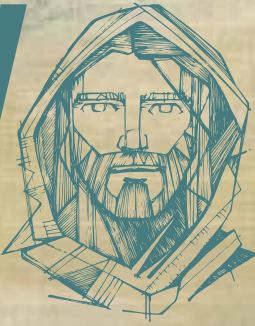


Sunday, April 22, 2018



PRAY LIKE JESUS



LIFE LESSONS FROM THE LORD'S PRAYER

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done | Matthew 6:10

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Rachel Poysky
SONG OF PREPARATION		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done (Matthew 6:10)	Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION		
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Hillary McMullen
SONG OF RESPONSE		
MESSAGE	Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done (Matthew 6:10)	Alf Halvorson
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Tara Reynolds

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

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE	<i>Introduction and Allegro (Suite for Organ)</i>	John Stanley (1712-1786)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Praise My Soul the King of Heaven</i>	Carl Freeman
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	#442; Vs. 1, 2, 5 AURELIA
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>Speak, O Lord</i>	arr. John Ferguson (b.1942)
OFFERTORY	<i>Thy Will Be Done</i>	arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
MESSAGE	Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done (Matthew 6:10)	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i>	#441; Vs. 1, 3, 5 ST. THOMAS
POSTLUDE	<i>Trumpet Voluntary (Suite for Organ)</i>	John Stanley

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Dr. Jeff Hoover, guest organist

*Please stand if able.

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VIOLENCE

Oppression of Women

DOES THE OLD TESTAMENT HAVE A DARK SIDE?

SUNDAYS, 11:00 AM | AMPHITHEATER | DARKSIDE.MDPC.ORG

SLAVERY

SACRIFICE

WE ALL HAVE FEARS. AND WE ALL CAN OVERCOME THEM.

HOW TO THRIVE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Guest speaker Dr. Mark Labberton of Fuller

Thursday, April 26 | 7:00 PM

For details and to RSVP for this free event:
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

Does the OT Have a Dark Side?

Guest speakers tackle Old Testament topics like Oppression, Rituals & Sacrifices, and Slavery. There'll be time for Q&A. This class is for ALL ages and stages of faith.

Sundays through April 29 | 11:00 AM | Amphitheater

Details: darkside.mdpc.org

Married Life Prep

Are you engaged? Did you get married in the last 2 or 3 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 | CLC 171/172

Register: mlp.mdpc.org

Marriage Retreat

Get away for a fun and intentional weekend together focused around your married life. This special experience includes a comfortable atmosphere, excellent food, a one-on-one date night with your spouse, and expert teaching from Brett and Kellie Hurst, longtime marriage educators.

Sept. 29-30 | Woodlands Waterway Marriott

Register (\$220/couple): marriageretreat.mdpc.org

Please Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

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

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

echos-houston.org

ESCAPE Family Resource Center works to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing intervention, education, and support programs to families in crisis. It teaches families techniques to prevent violence in the home, especially the emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of children.

learntoparent.org

Berea Bible Institute in Monterrey, Mexico began as one family's dream to educate young leaders in Scripture. Students are ingrained with a love for serving their communities. Graduates are sent to lead churches in remote parts of Mexico and teach the sacrificial love of Christ.

institutoberea.org

MVPD Spring Picnic Fundraiser

Enjoying a delicious plate of BBQ supports your Memorial Villages police officers! Come enjoy and say *thank you*.

Saturday, April 28 | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

MDPC North Parking Lot | \$10/plate

For details: info@memorialvillagespoa.org, 713-365-3700

Summer Recreation

Nip summer boredom in the bud by signing up now! You and your family will get moving, get creative, and get musical. Kids' camps include sports, music, art, and more! Adults can enjoy strength training, yoga, voice, and piano.

Details and registration: reach.mdpc.org

Newspring Student Art Auction

SBISD student artists have submitted beautiful artwork to be auctioned off, with ALL proceeds going to the students.

Friday, May 4 | 6:00-8:00 PM | 8945 Long Point

"Buy It Now" Open House: 1:00-5:00 PM

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

Tickets: homeencouragement.org

Summer Alpha Is Coming...

Explore Christian faith. Alpha is for everyone, and especially for those who are questioning, seeking, or would not call themselves Christian.

Tuesdays, June 5-August 7 | 6:30 PM

More info and registration: alpha.mdpc.org

The Chancel Flowers are given

- by Boy Scout Troop 642, in recognition of and gratitude for Dr. Don Leever's 25 years of leadership.
- in honor of the marriage of Alyssa Rebecca Sturgis and Joseph Nathaniel McGinn, who are exchanging vows this afternoon, April 22, 2018.

The White Rose is in memory of

- Mike McCauley, who passed away April 13, 2018.

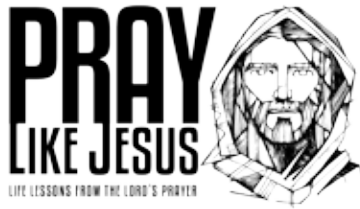
WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 2,891,609
Actual Income to Date (4/15/18)	\$ 2,964,603
Current Income Surplus	\$ 72,994
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 8,635,397



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**“Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven...”**

Matthew 6:10 • Alf Halvorson Preaching
Sermon Notes written by Rev. Beth Case

The Lord's Prayer

1. This week, we're studying: *“Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”* How do the following versions of Scripture shed light on its meaning?
NLT: *“May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”*
The Message: *“Set the world right; do what's best—as above, so below.”*
2. Heaven is often described as a location, a destination. How does Pastor Alf's sermon help us understand *heaven*? What do we learn about Jesus' definition of *heaven* from John 3:1-15?
3. James Catford (*Renovaré UK*) wrote: **“Much of the way Christianity has been taught to me has been about getting me into heaven. More and more I'm realising that it's really about getting heaven into me.”** What does this mean? Does this statement resonate with you? Or not?

During this sermon series, Pray Like Jesus, the sermon notes will discuss various models of prayer. Following a brief introduction and discussion of the week's prayer practice, you will find some practical suggestions for exercising that model of prayer. We encourage you to try these individually, or as a small group.

Prayer of Detachment

Our confidence in the power of prayer is, more accurately, our confidence in the power of God. We lean into the promise that *“in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8:28).

In prayer, we seek to *attach* ourselves to God, to align ourselves with His good work. We ask Him to make us aware of His activity all around us, and to make us ready to cooperate with His will and His timing. Often, this requires us to *detach* from some of our own comforts. Rock climbers know that to advance up the mountain, they must release the lower handhold, and grip the next one. The same is true with a ladder...and with prayer. In the Prayer of Detachment we release our grip on earth-bound things and earth-bound ideas. We let go of these in order to attach to that which more closely aligns with God's will.

1. Jesus, in a radical act of detachment, left heaven and came to earth, aligning Himself with His Father's will: the securing of our redemption. Can you name others in Scripture, in history, or in culture who have modeled a type of detachment? Think of those who have exchanged strength for weakness, glory for humility, wealth for simplicity, etc.

2. List 1-2 of your dearest earthly treasures. On which do you place the highest value: possessions, positions, or persons? To which are you most attached?

3. Sometimes, our attachments extend beyond treasures, to titles. On what titles, achievements, or roles do we build our identity? Do these labels make, or break, fellowship in the Kingdom of God?

4. **“Relinquishment extends into the core of our identities, securities and addictions and says, ‘For the love of Jesus I will let go.’ It is only through letting go of the control streak that true trust in Jesus is born”** (Adele Calhoun). When have you experienced a letting go (chosen, or forced) that deepened your trust in Jesus?

Put It Into Practice

(Choose one to practice with your small group, and one to practice on you own.)

1. Intentionally give away something you treasure (money, time, possession). Notice your reactions, even as you prepare to give. Tell God about these attitudes. Ask Him to deepen your attachment to Him.
2. Detach from your own worries by directly asking someone, “How can I be praying for you?” Your friend might say, “I’m fine.” Believe him/her! But gently repeat, “Ok, but really, how can I be praying for you? I’d like to be specific when I pray.” Pause. Listen. When you’re finished with the conversation, make a note of the request, and pray for it.
3. Write an “attachment inventory” regarding one of the following topics:
 - a. Make a list of defense mechanisms to which you run: sarcasm, pouting, one-up-manship (“well, at least I’m not as bad as...”), the silent treatment, insults, isolation, etc.
 - b. Make a list of changes happening in you or around you – changes which you find difficult and/or undesirable.
 - c. Make a list of accomplishments, positions, titles you hold dear. Which would be the hardest to set down?When you’ve completed your list, hold it with both hands, and say, “For the love of God, I will let go.” (Small groups can write their lists in quiet, and then speak this prayer together!) Tuck the list in your Bible, or tear it up, as a symbol of release.
4. Read Psalm 139. What does the Psalm tell you about God’s attachment to you, and your attachment to Him?

“The great thing is prayer. Prayer itself. If you want a life of prayer, the way to get it is by praying... You start where you are and you deepen what you already have.”

-Thomas Merton

