



Sun, Jun 16, 2024

8:30 SERVICE

Luke Gordon preaching

Welcome & Call to Worship		Brett Hurst
*Songs of Praise	<i>Your Grace Is Enough/We Fall Down</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Laurien Hook
Song of Response	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Brett Hurst
Song of Preparation	<i>Like Incense (Sometimes by Step)</i>	
Message	Unshakable Truth: Law Romans 1:19-23; Matt 19:16-22 (ESV)	Luke Gordon
Song of Response	<i>Yet Not I but Christ in Me</i>	

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome & Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez
Opening Song	<i>Take You at Your Word</i>	
Baptisms		Beth Case
	Jack Bennett Sturdevant, son of Chase & Jordan Sturdevant Thomas Charles Sturdevant, son of Chase & Jordan Sturdevant	
Song of Praise	<i>Your Grace Is Enough</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Christyn Knoop
Songs of Worship	<i>Like Incense (Sometimes by Step)/Holy Forever</i>	
Message	Unshakable Truth: Law Romans 1:19-23; Matt 19:16-22 (ESV)	Luke Gordon
Song of Reponse	<i>Yet Not I but Christ in Me</i>	
Moment of Connection		Hillary McMullen
	Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Mike Ajin, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Coppelia Acevedo & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders.	

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Master Tallis' Testament</i>	Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Marcus Vajdos
Choral Introit	<i>What Shall I Render?</i>	Allen Pote (b. 1945)
*Hymn of Praise #260	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Vs. 1, 3, 4 EIN' FESTE BERG
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Clay Brown
*Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8		
Anthem	<i>If You Love Me</i>	Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
Moment of Prayer		Clay Brown
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Order My Steps (in Your Word)</i>	Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)
Message	Unshakable Truth: Law Romans 1:19-23; Matt 19:16-22 (ESV)	Luke Gordon
*Closing Hymn #426	<i>Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak</i>	Vs. 1, 3 CANONBURY
Postlude	<i>Prelude from the First Partita</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Honduras in Aug • Germany in Sep
Registration closes soon for two eye-opening mission trips this summer and fall! To see details and learn how to register, visit trips.mdpc.org.



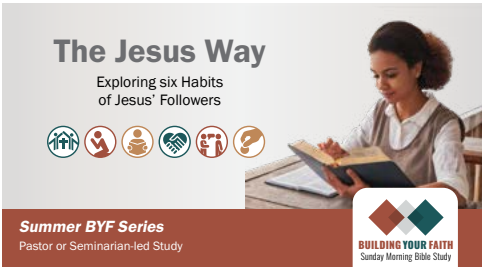
Next up: Summer Serve on Wed, Jun 19
Ladies, check out these sweet summer opportunities to seek Jesus, find friendship, and love others! Learn more and sign up at slice.mdpc.org.



Wed, Jun 26 • 3pm • Amphitheater
Beat the heat with a FREE movie screening! The next movie up is *The Boys in the Boat* (PG-13). See the full schedule and learn more at movies.mdpc.org.



June 29, July 27 • 10-11:30am
Fun, special mornings for you to spend quality time with just your preschool-er(s)! See all three events and register at preevents.mdpc.org.



Sundays • 9:45 or 11:15am • Amphith.
Come enjoy Biblical teaching with a pastor or staff member with seminary training. No homework, no pre-registration or class roll, but always donut holes!



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MDPC Officer Nominations Are Open
Do you know someone perfect to step into a leadership role at this church? Nominate them today! The nomination process is fast and easy: nominate.mdpc.org



Thursdays this Summer • 6:30-9pm
Come connect and play some pickup sports. We'll focus on two things: growing spiritually this summer, and having a good time. Dates and loc: college.mdpc.org

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge

Week 24 Question: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?
Answer: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.
[2 Cor. 5:21 NRSV](https://2cor.5:21NRSV)

Learn more: 52qs.mdpc.org

Financial Update as of June 9, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$ 13,723,677
Actual Income to Date	\$ 5,613,354
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 8,110,323

Births and Deaths
 Amelia Susan Morris was born June 4 to **Stephen and Amanda Grace Morris**.
Pauline Wolcott passed away June 6.
 More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

Unshakable Truth • [Romans 1:19-23 & Matthew 19:16-22 ESV](#)

This is the third week in our 14-week summer series on the major themes of The New City Catechism. Throughout the history of the church, Christians have used catechism—collections of questions and answers designed for contemplation and memorization—to teach the core doctrines and ideas of the faith. This week we look at Q's 7-15 in The New City Catechism, which focuses on the law. What is the purpose of the law? Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly? Since no one can keep the law, what is the purpose? During Jesus' earthly ministry, He was challenged by an expert in the law who asked, "which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus' response was simple: love God and love your neighbor. Jesus did not come to abolish the law. He came to fulfill it. As we learn to love like Jesus, we too will fulfill the law. "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, **for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.**"

1. In Matthew 22:36-40, Jesus gives us the two greatest commandments: Love God and love neighbor. Jesus says that "all the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." There are 613 commands in the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament). The Ten Commandments are the foundation of those commandments. In what ways do the two greatest commandments sum up the totality of the law?
2. Look at the ten commandments in Exodus 20:1-17. These commands call us to love God and love our neighbor. Which of the Ten Commandments do you think is lost in our culture? Which of the Ten Commandments do you personally need to focus on in your life?
3. Calvin and Luther spend considerable time discussing the Law. Calvin had a more positive view of the law than Luther. Both of them believed the law had a pedagogical use much like a mirror. The law helped expose our sin and need for God. John Calvin said the law helps us to "dismiss the stupid opinion of [our] own strength" and "flee to God's mercy." How have you seen this in your own experience?
4. Calvin believed the principle use of the law was meant for believers. The law guides believers to know and live out God's will. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used this pattern: "You heard that is was said, but I tell you..." Jesus takes the Ten Commandments and calls His disciples to the heart of the law. Luke discusses the difference between an external locus of control and an internal locus of control. Why is this distinction important in living out God's will?
5. Like Jesus, we are called to fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 says, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way **you will fulfill the law of Christ.**" Can you think of someone in your sphere of influence that is burdened? What would it look like for you to help carry their burden?