



Sun, Jun 23, 2024

8:30 SERVICE

Laurien Hook preaching

Welcome & Call to Worship		Clay Brown
*Songs of Praise	<i>Come, Now Is the Time/In Christ Alone/Trisagion (Holy God)</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Clay Brown
Song of Response	<i>Jesus Paid it All</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Clay Brown
Offertory	<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>	
Message	Unshakable Truth: Sin Genesis 1:27-30, 3:21-24; 1 John 3:4 (NIV)	Laurien Hook
Song of Response	<i>How Deep the Father's Love</i>	
Benediction		Laurien Hook

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome & Call to Worship		Michael Middleton
Opening Song	<i>Praise</i>	
New Members		Dan Aikins
Songs of Praise	<i>Come, Now Is the Time/In Christ Alone/Trisagion (Holy God)</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Miah Collins
Songs of Worship	<i>Jesus Paid it All</i>	
Message	Unshakable Truth: Sin Genesis 1:27-30, 3:21-24; 1 John 3:4 (NIV)	Laurien Hook
Offering	<i>Made for More</i>	
Moment of Connection		Dan Aikins
Benediction		Laurien Hook

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Christian Meza, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Andante from Grande Pièce Symphonique</i>	César Franck (1822-1890)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
Choral Introit	<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Nothing But the Blood</i>	Vs. 1, 3, 4 PLAINFIELD
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Rachel Poysky
*Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed		
Anthem	<i>I Shall Not Be Moved</i>	arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)
Pastoral Prayer		Dan Aikins
Offertory	<i>We Believe</i>	Dan Forrest (b. 1978)
Message	Unshakable Truth: Sin Genesis 1:27-30, 3:21-24; 1 John 3:4 (NIV)	Laurien Hook
*Closing Hymn #384	<i>O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go</i>	Vs. 1, 4 ST. MARGARET
Postlude	<i>Toccata in D Minor</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

See more events at MDPC at events.mdpc.org.



Give Online
give.mdpc.org



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.

The Jesus Way
Exploring six Habits of Jesus' Followers




Summer BYF Series
Pastor or Seminary-led Study



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!



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 preschooler(s)! See all three events and register at prevents.mdpc.org.



We're looking for Leaders.
Know someone who stands out?

OFFICER NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

MDPC Officer Nominations Are Open

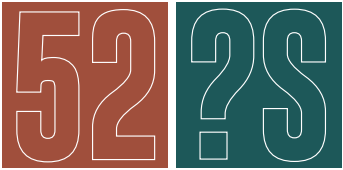
Do you know someone perfect to step into a leadership role at this church? Nominate them today! The nomination process is fast and easy: nominate.mdpc.org



Are You Going Through a Difficult Time?

Stephen Ministers listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. To learn more about receiving a Stephen Minister's confidential care, contact Beverly Fluke: bfluke@mdpc.org

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge



Week 25 Question:
What else does Christ's death redeem?

Answer: Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as He powerfully directs all things for His own glory and creation's good.
[Colossians 1:19-20 NRSV](https://colossians.com)

The New City Catechism

Learn more: 52qs.mdpc.org

Financial Update as of June 16, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$ 13,723,677
Actual Income to Date	\$ 5,795,844
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 7,927,833

Births and Deaths

Amelia Susan Morris was born June 4 to **Stephen and Amanda Grace Morris**.

Pauline Wolcott passed away June 6.

Sandy Humphrey passed away June 12.

More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Introduced in worship on
Sun, Jun 23, 2024

We are excited to welcome these **10** new members to the MDPC family! Learn a little more about them below, and join us in welcoming them to **MDPC**.



Fabiana Bezerra is married to Constantinos Kotazabassis. They have two adult children, Eleni and George. Fabiana is a school psychologist who loves singing, dancing, reading, and praying.



Rebecca Gorsuch is the mother of five children ranging in age from 13 to 25. She works at Capital Bank in the commercial lending department. She enjoys doing needlepoint, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.



Laurie Grimm came to live to the U.S. some years ago. She has worked as a real estate agent and also as a travel agent with British Airways. Laurie loves people, and enjoys helping and volunteering at MDPC. She also loves music, animals, and nature. She enjoys being out in the country and in touch with nature and the freedom it offers!



Mitchell Kearney works here at MDPC in middle school ministry. Originally from Austin, he attended Concordia University where he earned his B.A. in Christian Education. Mitchell has a huge heart for middle schoolers and loves leading them closer to Jesus in creative ways, whether its performing skits, teaching in interactive ways, or meeting students wherever they are in their faith journey.



Jason and Jenny Tanous have been married for 15 years and have three sons, Drew (13), Reed (10), and Ryan (7). Jason works as a CFO in oil and gas and Jenny works part time. They enjoy watching the boys' activities and sports. As a family, they enjoy traveling, being outdoors, and spending time with extended family and friends.



Amanda and Josh Weber are the parents of three daughters, Raine (24), Reagan (19), and Ryann (17). Josh is in the midstream oil & gas business and the family loves to travel and spend time with family and friends.



Annette and Greg Zuanich have two children—Megan is a rising sophomore in college and Max is a rising senior in college—and two furry children, Charlie and Buster. They love to spend time cooking and traveling with family and friends.

Ready for *Your Next Step* at MDPC?

Discover MDPC

Get to know MDPC! *Discover MDPC* is a casual, 30-minute get-together where MDPC Pastors share about the history, mission, and vision of MDPC.

Sun, Aug 24 • 10:45-11:10am • Sanctuary Lobby

Explore Our New Member Class!

Led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff, you will explore whether becoming a member is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. New members are introduced to the congregation at a worship service and invited to meet with our Session to be received as MDPC members.

Begins Sun, Sep 8, 2024 • 9:45-11am

To see upcoming dates for New Member Classes, visit discover.mdpc.org.



Can You Help with Summer Celebration Donations?



Children's Ministries is accepting donations for **individually packaged snacks, sodas, and bottled waters for our volunteers!** No nuts, please.

We also need **BREAD!** Starting on Jul 8, we are taking donations for **plain white or wheat sandwich bread.** Nothing fancy, please! The kids make sandwiches daily in our "Serve" area so every loaf counts!

We can also use donations of **new or gently used Legos!**

All donations can be dropped off at designated tables by the Front Office.

Unshakable Truth • [Genesis 1:27-30; 3:21-24; 1 John 3:4 \(NIV\)](#)

We are continuing our Summer Sermon Series making use of the New City Catechism. A major goal of having a catechism is to provide us with direct and manageable answers for some of life's biggest questions. Beyond that, these answers are rooted in Scripture and the God revealed therein. This week we are specifically addressing questions #16 and #17 on sin and idolatry. The New City Catechism offers clear insight, rooted in Scripture, into how we as Christians might respond to and react to sin and idolatry in our lives and world.

1. Consider the line from the answer to question #16 where sin is depicted as “resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.” Have you previously thought of sin in this way? How does this portion of the catechism challenge you or expand your understanding of sin?
2. The sermon mentioned how sin is often described as rebellion or “missing the mark.” The sermon then moved to discuss the concept of sin as participation. Where are you most tempted to participate in the sinful, evil systems of the world? There is a moment of confession in our worship services every week. How might you use this time differently moving forward as you consider your own participation and complicity in systems of sin?
3. As we all know through personal experience, sin does not just impact one person. It has a pervasive and corrosive quality. Each of us has been deeply wounded by someone else's sin just like we have all deeply hurt others by our own sin. Even sin that is secret and private impacts us in ways we might not realize. The Scriptures tell us that sin not only impacts our interpersonal relationships—it also has an ongoing role in creation itself. Consider Romans 8:19-20. How is creation impacted by sin in these verses? What does the personified creation eagerly await?
4. In the sermon I discussed how sinning is an act of abdicating our God-given responsibilities. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve are given a mandate for how they are to act within God's good creation. They have roles and responsibilities to fulfill. Their sin resulted in the abdication of those roles as they were meant to be carried out. Consider your own life. Do you view sin as handing over the responsibilities God has given you? When we hand over/abdicate our God-given right to rule over Creation in a way that is aligned with His commands, what results do you think follow?