



Sun, July 28, 2024

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Beth Case preaching

Welcome & Call to Worship		Brett Hurst
*Songs of Praise	<i>Here for You/Spirit of the Living God</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Dan Aikins
Song of Response	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Alf Halvorson
Song of Preparation	<i>How Great is our God</i>	
Message	Unshakable Truth: Holy Spirit John 14:16-17, 24-26 NLT	Beth Case
Song of Response	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	
Benediction		Beth Case

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome & Call to Worship		Michael Middleton
Songs of Worship	<i>I Believe/How Great is our God</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Hillary McMullen
Songs of Worship	<i>Spirit of the Living God/Holy Spirit</i>	
Message	Unshakable Truth: Holy Spirit John 14:16-17, 24-26 NLT	Beth Case
Song of Response	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	
Moment of Prayer & Connection		Alf Halvorson
Benediction		Beth Case

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Chaconne</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Laurien Hook
Choral Introit	<i>Let All the World in Every Corner Sing</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
*Hymn of Praise #130	<i>Let Every Christian Pray</i>	Vs. 1, 2 & 3 LAUDES DOMINE
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Amy Delgado
*Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8		
*Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
Moment of Prayer		Alf Halvorson
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, I Pray</i>	Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)
Message	Unshakable Truth: Faith and Grace John 14:16-17, 24-26 NLT	Beth Case
*Hymn of Response #321	<i>Holy Spirit, Truth Divine</i>	Vs. 1 & 4 SONG 13
*Benediction		Beth Case
Postlude	<i>Rondo Giocosow</i>	Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

Musicians: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, piano/organ

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Sun, Jul 28 • 9:45 or 11:15am • Amphitheater *Psalm of Lament* is the latest in the Building Your Faith series taught by Clay Brown and other MDPC pastors and seminarians. Learn more at BYF.mdpc.org.



The Pantry Needs Help! The Houston Food Bank is not able to make their usual deliveries for several weeks, so the food pantry is in desperate need of food items. Find a shopping list at fooddrive.mdpc.org.



Tue, Aug 6 • 6-9pm • HRC Join us at the Houston Racquet Club for sports on the big screen, drinks, and Tex-Mex. Invite a friend, you don't want to miss it! RSVP: mensnight.mdpc.org



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MDPC Kids Need Volunteers for Fall Sun mornings and Wed evenings in preK and elementary. Activities/supplies are prepared - you just show up ready to hang out! Contact Keri Mosk: kmosk@mdpc.org

Week 31 Question: What do we believe by true faith?
Answer: Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

[Jude 3](https://jude3.mdpc.org)

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Financial Update as of July 21, 2024	
2024 Annual Budget	\$13,723,677
Actual Income to date	\$6,937,625
Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,786,052

Births and Deaths
Reagan Burch passed away July 15, 2024.
More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

Unshakable Truth: Holy Spirit • [John 14:16-17, 24-26 NLT](#)

We continue our series in catechetical preaching (some churches preach on a catechetical point every Sunday evening!) by looking closely at Questions 36 and 37 of the New City Catechism, as they discuss what Reformed Christians believe about the Holy Spirit. When speaking of the Holy Spirit, what language has been utilized throughout your journey of faith? How often has the Spirit been spoken of? How is the Holy Spirit spoken to?

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to teach, guide, convict, and comfort through the Word of God today.

1. Consider the role of the Holy Spirit in these three questions from New City Catechism:
 - Q 35 - Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from? All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.
 - Q 36 - What do we believe about the Holy Spirit? That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.
 - Q 37 - How does the Holy Spirit help us? The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.
2. Why might it be significant that the Holy Spirit is mentioned not only in the first verses of the Bible (read Genesis 1:2), but also early in each of the Gospels (see Matthew 1:18; Mark 1:8; Luke 1:15; and John 1:32)?
3. The Hebrew *Ruach Elohim* is translated Holy Spirit, and means breath, spirit, life (Genesis 1:2). What does it mean that the Spirit is live, gives life, fills us with life, and points to the One who is life?
4. The Holy Spirit is called *Paraklete* in John 14:16. The literal translation from Greek would be "one called alongside". How is this word translated into English? From the sermon's discussion and the disciples' experience as Jesus was with them, discuss how the Holy Spirit living in us does all these things (see Luke 22:31-32 and Romans 8:26).
5. For me, it is easier to offer help than to request help. To what extent is this true for you, or not true for you? What makes it easy/hard for you to seek tangible help in physical life? In your emotional or relational life? In your spiritual life? How might this affect your interaction with the Holy Spirit?
6. Read John 13:1-5 and John 14:1-6. What can we know about the situation in which Jesus spoke John 14:16-18 to his disciples? What significance might this have for us as Christ's disciples today?
7. If the Spirit assists us in Belief, Belonging, and Behavior - how has each of these played a role in your experience of the Holy Spirit's work in your life?