



Sun, Sep 1, 2024

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

- Welcome & Call to Worship** Beth Case
- Songs of Praise** *He Has Made Me Glad / Joyful, Joyful / Victory in Jesus*
- *Prayer of Confession & Assurance** Amy Delgado
- Song of Response** *How Great Thou Art*
- Moment of Prayer** Beth Case
- Song of Response** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus / Jesus Paid it All*
- Message** **Unshakable Truth: Christ's Role & Ours Now** Alf Halvorson
[Ephesians 1:20-23; Romans 8:34](#)
- Song of Response** *In Christ Alone*

9:45 SERVICE

- Welcome & Call to Worship** Michael Middleton
- Songs of Praise** *Praise God (Doxology) / What a Beautiful Name*
- Moment of Confession & Assurance** Clay Brown
- Songs of Worship** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus / Jesus Paid it All*
- Message** **Unshakable Truth: Christ's Role & Ours Now** Alf Halvorson
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- Song of Response** *In Christ Alone*
- Moment of Prayer & Connection** Mitchell Kearney

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

11:15 SERVICE

- Prelude** *Meditation at Sainte-Clotilde* Philip James (1890-1975)
- Welcome & Call to Worship** Beth Case
- Choral Introit** *Christ the Way of Life Possess Me* K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)
- *Hymn of Praise #343** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Vs. 1, 4 | BEECHER
- *Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Clay Brown
- *Affirmation of Faith** from the Apostles' Creed
- Congregational Response** *The Gloria Patri* Hymn #579
- Anthem** *I Am Not My Own* Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
- Pastoral Prayer** Beth Case
- Anthem of Preparation** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again* Philip Stopford (b. 1977)
- Message** **Unshakable Truth: Christ's Role & Ours Now** Alf Halvorson
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- *Hymn of Response #366** *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* Vs. 1, 3 | ST. CATHERINE
- Postlude** *Prelude in A Major* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Musicians: Steffanie Dean, guest conductor; Riley Vagis, soloist; Kathryn White, organ



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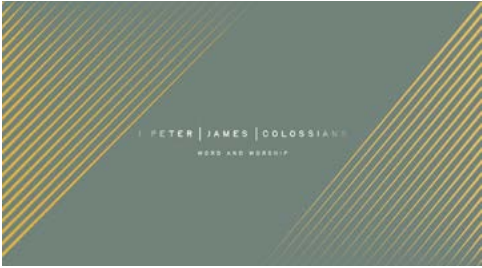
Sun, Sep 1 • 11am-1:30pm

Join us in Fellowship Hall today for a FREE **All-Church Lunch**. We're celebrating the new program year with burgers, dogs, and Kona Ice! Learn more: kickoff.mdpc.org



Fall Intensive: Sep 6 & 7

A 4-week class condensed into an evening and morning (no overnight). Side note: You must be a member for 1 year before becoming an officer! Visit NMC.mdpc.org.



Starts Thu, Sep 5 • Multi. days/times

in this year's Word and Worship, discover what God has to say in three smaller books: 1 Peter, James, and Colossians. Details and registration: wandw.mdpc.org



Tue, Sep 10 • Doors Open 6:30pm

Enjoy bites and an episode of Alpha, then join in the convo - or not! All beliefs and backgrounds welcome. Free food and cash bar. RSVP: alphalaunch.mdpc.org



Starts Tue, Sep 10 • 6:30-7:45am

Men's Life has been imparting wisdom and strength to men for over 20 years. Join us this fall for powerful conversations about what true strength really is. ml.mdpc.org



Sat, Sep 14 • 6-9pm

The Fuente community invites you to its "Night of Flavor," an annual multicultural celebration. This all-church event is free and all are welcome. nds.mdpc.org



Conquerers. Not Captives.

Take seriously the Bible's assurances that, even though sin remains in our lives, it no longer reigns over us. Details and RSVP for this free event: speakers.mdpc.org



Thu, Sep 26

Parents of college students, come for a time to get to know and support one another as you navigate this unique chapter of parenthood. More and RSVP: college.mdpc.org

Join Pastor Alf's 2024 Challenge



Week 36 Question: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

Answer: That He is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants Him irrevocably to all who believe.

John 14:16-17

Learn more: 52Qs.mdpc.org

Financial Update as of Aug 25, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$ 13,723,677
Actual Income to date	\$ 8,012,551
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 5,711,126

Births and Deaths

Nancy Damon passed away August 6.
Jean Simmons passed away August 23.
More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

Unshakable Truth: Christ's Role & Ours Now • [Ephesians 1:20-23](#); [Romans 8:34](#)

This is the last in our 13-week summer sermon series on the New City Catechism. I hope you have enjoyed looking at several of the most important themes and foundational ideas of our faith. Today we look at an underdiscussed yet hugely important aspect: what happens to Jesus 40 days after His resurrection? Is He mostly “out of sight and out of mind”? What is Jesus doing for the world and on our behalf now?

1. If you grew up in a faith tradition, what did they say, if anything, about “The Ascension” and the ongoing activity of Jesus after He bids the disciples farewell? If you didn’t grow up in the church, what did you imagine God was active with, day to day?
2. Read Eph. 1:20-23. What does “seated at the right hand in the heavenly places” mean to you? And what might “God has put all things under His (Jesus’) feet” mean to you? Consult Ps. 110, Ps. 37, and Hebrews 10 for context and possible answers.
3. Read Rom. 8:34. What does Jesus’ role as intercessor or the one who prays for or advocates or pleads our case mean to you? Read John 16:7-14. How does Jesus leaving earth help us? What or who is sent in His place? What role does the Holy Spirit play?
4. In my message, I share how Jesus might pray for us. Additionally, I shared several examples of how someone might intercede or advocate on our behalf. How might these human examples point to the amazing work Jesus does, seated at the right hand of the Father?
5. Finally, read Acts 7:54-60 about the stoning of Stephen. What vision did he see? How did it help him undergo martyrdom and forgive his tormentors? How might Christ’s Ascension help you live your faith in the here and now?