

ALL THINGS NEW

Sun, Jan 26, 2025

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship		Beth Case
Songs of Praise	<i>O Worship the King / In Christ Alone</i>	
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Dan Aikins
Songs of Preparation	<i>Is He Worthy / Worthy Is Your Name</i>	
Message	All Things New: A New Identity 1 Peter 2:4-10 NRSV	Alf Halvorson
Communion Music	<i>Remembrance</i>	

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez
Songs of Praise	<i>Take You at Your Word / In Christ Alone</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Laurien Hook
Songs of Response	<i>Is He Worthy / Worthy Is Your Name</i>	
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Communion Music	<i>Remembrance</i>	
Moment of Connection		Miah Collins

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Tim Hughes, violin; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Angel Uribe & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Fantasy from Sonata No. 2</i>	Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Beth Case
Choral Introit	<i>The Light of the World (from "Every Purpose Under the Heaven")</i>	Howard Goodall (b. 1958)
*Hymn of Praise #379	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	Vs. 1, 3, 4 SOLID ROCK
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Marcus Vajdos
*Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada		
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Greater Love Hath No Man Than This</i>	John Ireland (1879-1962)
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Communion Music	<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	Harold Friedell (1905-1958)
	<i>Communion No. 1</i>	Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
Postlude	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

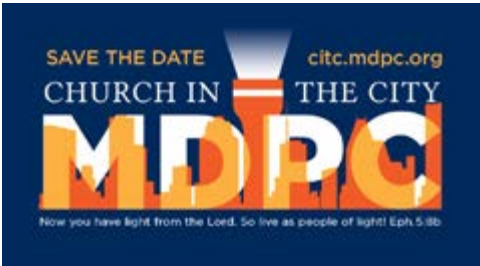
Musicians at 11:15: Sanctuary Choir; Cassandra Black & Jason Amos, soloists; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Feb 22 and 23, 2025

This annual all-church service project is when MDPC leaves the pews to serve our city! Registration opens Mon, Jan 27! Learn more at citic.mdpc.org.



Fri, Jan 31 and Sat, Feb 1

This class is how you can become an MDPC member, *but* there is no obligation to become a member! Evening + morning, no overnight. Details: membership.mdpc.org



Serve on a Local or Global Committee

Encounter God through the work of our partners, play a crucial role in our radical giving, and so much more! Committee recruitment is happening now: oc.mdpc.org



Tue, Feb 4-18 • 7-8am • Amphitheater

Join Men's Life this spring for three quick Tuesday morning sessions as we give one-on-one relationships a closer look. Learn more and sign up: mlnextsteps.mdpc.org



Tue, Feb 4 and 11 • 1-3pm

Wondering why you walked into a room? Can't find your phone? This free, two-part program addresses the 4 most common memory complaints: memory.mdpc.org



Tuesdays, Feb 4-Mar 25 • 1pm

Got a senior in high school? Or newer to "empty nesting"? Join us for a 7-week book study of *Empty Nest Full Life* by Jill Savage. Register at nesting.mdpc.org.



Fri-Sun, Feb 7-9 • Iron Horse Ranch

Join MDPC Women's for a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship! Our speaker will be Leigh McLeroy. Learn more and register at women.mdpc.org.



Sun, Feb 9 • 4pm • Sanctuary

Hear Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and 40s and Broadway tunes. Audience requests will be taken! Learn more about our Concert Series: concerts.mdpc.org



Choose March 7-9 or 7-16

Young adults, join us as we team up with Steiger for a catalytic mission trip to the South by Southwest festival in Austin! Details and registration: steiger.mdpc.org



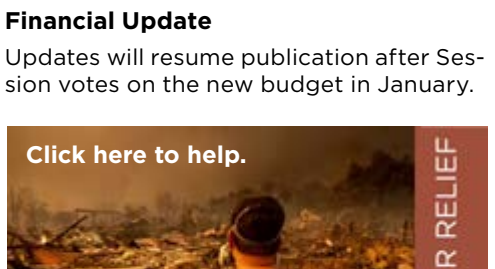
Sundays • 11am • Room 219

Young professionals, come hear from experts and professionals sharing practical and spiritual guidance for approaching your work. Learn more: yaevents.mdpc.org



Sun-Sat, May 4-10 • Honduras

Serve alongside fellow MDPC ladies helping communities acquire clean water and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ. livingwater.mdpc.org



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All Things New: A New Identity • [1 Peter 2:4-10 NRSV](#)

This is the second in our six-week series on becoming *new* in Christ, articulated well in our theme verse for the series, 2 Cor. 5:17. Last week we pondered having *new eyes* from 2 Kings 6:8-23. This week we follow up that deliverance theme with the concept that once purchased, once freed, once delivered, we get *a new identity* in Christ, and 1 Peter 2:4-10 has a profound and beautiful baptismal hymn for us to ponder regarding that new identity.

1. When you were growing up, what messages did your parents and friends (and perhaps enemies) deliver to you about you and your worth? Were they positive affirmations or devastating indictments? Were you lauded or laughed at? Praised or pushed down verbally? In other words, were you blessed or cursed by others?

2. Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. How does the Apostle Peter talk about those who are apprenticed to Christ, who are being built up on the cornerstone, Jesus? Focus especially on verses 9-10. How does Hosea 2:3 parallel verse 10? How does Exodus 19:4-6a parallel verse 9?

3. It seems that overwhelmingly in this passage, things are done for us and affirmed in us. Our only actions are at the end of verse 5 and the second half of verse 9. What are we encouraged and challenged to say or do in response to this love and acceptance and grace and affirmation? What might it look like for you to witness to the way Christ the cornerstone has brought you out of darkness to light, from death to life?

4. I talked in my sermon about our troubled dog, Daisy, and about the experience of a woman I called Mary, which wounded her deeply. How did the Halvorson family with Daisy and God with Mary attempt to give each *a new identity*? Do you need to accept your acceptance in Christ? Do you need to let the words (especially of verses 9-10) flow over you repeatedly until you can affirm them from God to you in Jesus?