

Sun, Feb 9, 2025

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship

Dan Aikins

Songs of Praise

How Great Is Our God / Be Thou My Vision

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Brett Hurst

Song of Response

As the Deer

Pastoral Prayer

Dan Aikins

Song of Preparation

Great Are You, Lord

Message All Things New: A Spring Bubbling Up in the Wilderness Alf Halvorson

Genesis 36:24 NRSV

Song of Response

The Solid Rock

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship

How Great Is Our God

Song of Praise

Meet & Greet

Songs of Praise

That's Who I Praise / Who You Say I Am

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Miah Collins

Meliza Gómez

Song of Worship

Great Are You, Lord

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Genesis 36:24 NRSV

Song of Response

The Solid Rock

Moment of Prayer / Announcements

Matthew Adair

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Children's Choir, Steffanie Dean, director; Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude Sonata in A Major, Movement IV César Franck (1822-1890)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Dan Aikins

Choral Introit

This Is the Day Tom Mitchell (1947-2021)

*Hymn of Praise #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

Vs. 1, 4 | CWM RHONDA

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Christyn Knoop

*Affirmation of Faith from 1 Cor. 15:1-6 & Col. 1:15-20

Anthem There Is a Balm in Gilead

Bruce Saylor (b. 1946)

Moment of Prayer

Dan Aikins

Anthem of Preparation

The Love of God Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

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*Hymn of Praise

Iust a Closer Walk with Thee

Vs. 1 | Closer Walk

Postlude

Fanfare

Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

MINISTRYHIGHLIGHTS

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



SANTA MARIA HOSTEL SPRING SPIRIT HOUSTON FOOD BANK KIDS' MEALS



MAGNIFICAT HOUSE
MISSION OF YAHWEH
PARTNER PROJECTS
HOME PROJECTS

LET'S GET OUT THERE AND SERVE!

Registration Is Open!

This annual all-church service project is when MDPC leaves the pews to serve our city. There are projects for every age and ability! Learn more at citc.mdpc.org and sign up today to get your choice of projects!



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



Wed, Feb 12-26 • 6:30-7:30pm

A new class led by Laurien Hook looking at the culture, customs, and thoughts present during the time of the New Testament. Learn more and sign up: world.mdpc.org



Sat-Sun, Mar 1-2 • MDPC Field

Dads, round up the kids and join us for an overnight campout with food, fun, and activities! To learn more and register, visit dadcamp.mdpc.org.



Meets Monthly (Mon, Feb 10) • 6:30-8pm

Do you sew, knit, write, cross-stitch, paint, or do any creative hobby? Bring whatever you're working on and create with others! Learn more at **create.mdpc.org**.

Financial Update as of Feb 2, 2025

2025 Annual Budget \$ 14,203,292 Actual Income to date 862,890 Needed to Meet 2025 Budget 13,340,402



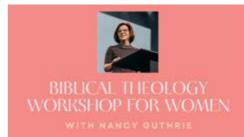
Wed, Feb 12 • 9am-2:30pm • MFAH

Join pastors Beth Case and Jeanmarie Tade in a day of reflective prayer at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. Learn more and sign up: mfah.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



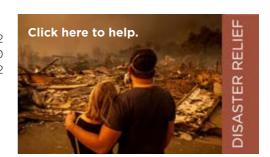
Sat, Mar 22 • 9am-3pm • First Baptist

No matter how much you already know about the Bible, if you're a woman who wants to know it better, this workshop is for you! Details at women.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



SERMONNOTES

Sunday, Feb 9, 2025 Written by Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson

All Things New: A New Spring • Genesis 36:24 NRSV

This is the fourth in our six-week winter series on God making all things new, including us. As part of my new year's resolutions, I'm reading the Bible through again in a year. As I was reading the incredibly dry portion of Scripture in chapter 36 of Genesis, this surprising verse popped up: "These are the son of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah; he is the Anah who found the springs in the wilderness, as he pastured the donkeys of his father Zibeon." I'd never really seen it before; I'd never pondered why it is there, what it might mean for our faith and faithfulness. But today, I'd like to pair it with Luke 15, Jesus' famous section which contains the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost sons.

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1.	Have you spent much time in the wilderness physically? What is intriguing and dangerous about a desert environment?
2.	When have you spiritually been in a wilderness/dark night of the soul/desert place? How did you get there? And how eventually did you get out of it?
3.	Read Gen. 36:24. What strikes you about this text in the middle of a genealogy for its context? Put yourself in Anah's shoes. What do you think it must have been like to pasture his dad's donkeys? And in the wilderness? Was it exciting? Boring? Frightening? Lonely? Peaceful? Why or why not?

- 4. Read Luke chapter 15. Who finds whom in each parable? Why is that Good News? What can the lost sheep or coin or sons do to be found?
- 5. Is there anything the sons can do to see the Good News/the springs/the hope in the last parable? What does the younger son do? Where does he come to his senses according to vs. 17? What do you hope the elder brother does at the end of the story? Does he come in to the party or stay outside mad and cold?
- 6. In your relationship with God, have you felt His search for you? His call for you to come home? What role might you play to not be outside God's love, God's blessings, and God's party? What prayer do you need to pray? Or actions do you need to take to enjoy the springs and party God has provided?