

# Words of Woe

Sun, Apr 13, 2025

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
Songs of Praise	<i>Hosanna (Praise Is Rising) / Rejoice</i>	
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Brett Hurst
Song of Response	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Offertory	<i>Holy Forever</i>	
Message	<b>Words of Woe</b> <a href="#">Matthew 23:37-39</a>	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Hosanna</i>	

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship		Michael Middleton
Songs of Praise	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name / Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)</i>	
Meet & Greet		
Song of Praise	<i>Hosanna Rock</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Amanda Grace Morris
Songs of Worship	<i>Only King Forever / O Praise the Name</i>	
Moment of Prayer and Connection		Matthew Adair
Offertory	<i>Holy Forever</i>	
Message	<b>Words of Woe</b> <a href="#">Matthew 23:37-39</a>	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Hosanna</i>	

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; JJ Blanco, keys;  
Children's Choir with Steffanie West, conductor; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Andante and Toccata on 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'</i> arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)	
Welcome and Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
Choral Introit	<i>The Palms</i>	Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914)
*Hymn of Praise #88	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i> Vs. 1, 2,3   VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN	
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Luke Funderburk
*Affirmation of Faith	from the New Catechism, Question One	
Anthem	<i>Ride On, King Jesus</i>	arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Moment of Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Offertory	<i>Sanctus (with Benedictus) from Requiem</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
Message	<b>Words of Woe</b> <a href="#">Matthew 23:37-39</a>	Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Musicians at 11:15: Jason Amos & Priscilla Salisbury, soloists; Kelley Edwards, flute; Kathryn White, organ;  
Children's Choir with Steffanie West, conductor; Sanctuary Choir with Charles Hausmann, conductor

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### **Maundy Thursday, Apr 17**

7pm • Sanctuary

### **Good Friday, Apr 18**

Noon • Sanctuary

*Spanish-language • 7pm • Chapel*

### **Easter Sunday Worship, Apr 20**

7am Courtyard

8:30am Contemporary • Sanctuary

9:45am Family-friendly • Sanctuary

11:15am Traditional with brass • Sanctuary

Spanish-language • 11:15am • Chapel

Portuguese-language • 6pm



**Palm Sunday Offering**

Donate to today's Living Water International fund by enclosing your gift in the LWI envelopes in the pews (checks made out to MDPC, "Living Water" in the memo), or give online at [give.mdpc.org](https://give.mdpc.org).



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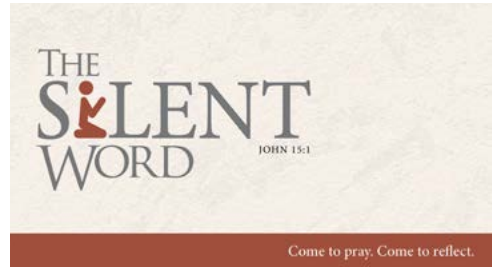
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Come to read. Come to listen.

### **Mon-Thu, Apr 14-17 • Chapel**

Whether you are five or eighty-five, 15 minutes in The Spoken Word will enrich your Holy Week in an amazing way! Learn more and sign up at [tsw.mdpc.org](https://tsw.mdpc.org).



Come to pray. Come to reflect.

### **Mon-Sun, Apr 14-20 • Parlor**

As you interact with Scripture and other tactical elements, you will experience different ways to engage prayerfully with God. Learn more: [silentword.mdpc.org](https://silentword.mdpc.org)



### **Easter Sun, Apr 20 • 5-7pm**

Young adults, if you're away from family or just want to enjoy a casual evening of food, games, and connection, join us! Details and RSVP: [yaevents.mdpc.org](https://yaevents.mdpc.org)



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### **Financial Update** as of Apr 6, 2025

2025 Annual Budget	\$ 14,203,292
Actual Income to Date	3,322,331
Needed to Meet 2025 Budget	10,880,961

### **Births and Deaths**

Katherine Sabom passed away March 31.. Her service was held Thu, Apr 10. *More information at [memorials.mdpc.org](https://memorials.mdpc.org).*

## Words of Woe • [Matthew 23:37-39](#)

This is the seventh and final message in our Lenten Series on Matthew 23. This summary by Jesus includes some of the most poignant and sad words ever spoken in our world. They reflect the love of God for humanity, and humanity's indifference and at times outright rejection of God's plea of support and salvation.

1. Have you ever offered love and had that vulnerable and risky move rejected? Or have you ever been on the receiving end of an offer of love, and turned it down?
2. Read Matthew 23:37-39. How is verse 37 alike and different from Luke 10:38-42 and Acts 9:1-9?
3. In verse 38, Jesus describes the punishment for rejecting God's help as desolation. How is a life apart from God a "desolate" one? How is a life apart from God an "easier" one? How is a life with God a "more meaningful and purposeful" one?
4. In verse 39, Jesus seems to be describing when He will return in glory at the end of days. He quotes Ps. 118. If you have time, read the whole psalm. If not, just read vs. 22-26. This is a victory psalm, a Messianic psalm. What do you think Jesus is saying about Himself? What is He saying to the scribes and Pharisees?
5. And verse 39 must also have a present application for those listening to what Jesus is saying and for us today. What do you think that invitation is, that challenge is, that application is? I talked in my message about some examples of repentance and some of rejection. Where might you need to repent right now?
6. Looking back on the whole "Words of Woe" series from Matthew 23, what is the takeaway God might want for you at this time? For our Church? For the wider world? How can you avoid the fate of the scribes and Pharisees and take the alternative path of those who have said "yes" to Jesus as Savior and Lord? Pray together as we enter Holy Week.