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A SERMON SERIES ON ROMANS 8

Sun, May 18, 2025

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Beth Case preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship		Leigh McLeroy
Songs of Praise	<i>Everlasting God / Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Rachel Poysky
Song of Response	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Song of Preparation	<i>Our God</i>	
Message	Life in Christ <u>Romans 8:28-34</u>	Beth Case
Song of Response	<i>Our God</i>	

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship		Michael Middleton
Songs of Praise	<i>Great Things / Glorious Day</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Mitchell Kearney
Song of Worship	<i>In Christ Alone / Our God</i>	
Message	Life in Christ <u>Romans 8:28-34</u>	Beth Case
Song of Response	<i>Our God</i>	
Moment of Prayer & Connection		Rachel Poysky

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; JJ Blanco, keys; Chris Parrott, guitar;
Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Michael Middleton, & Coppelia Acevedo, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Largo in G</i>	G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dan Aikins
*Hymn of Praise #361	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 5 FOUNDATION
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Dan Aikins
*Affirmation of Faith from The United Church of Canada		
*Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Anthem	<i>To First Seek the Kingdom</i>	Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)
Pastoral Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Anthem of Preparation	<i>If God Himself Be for Me</i>	Michael Costello (b. 1979)
Message	Life in Christ <u>Romans 8:28-34</u>	Beth Case
*Hymn of Response #306	<i>Fairest, Lord Jesus</i>	Vs. 1, 3 CRUSADERS' HYMN
Postlude	<i>Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God</i>	Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Musicians at 11:15: Kelley Edwards, flutist; Rob Landes, guest organist/pianist;
Sanctuary Choir with Charles Hausmann, conductor

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

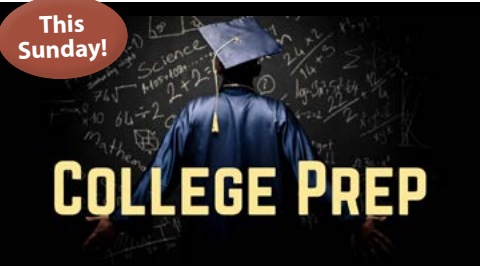
See more events at MDPC at events.mdpc.org.



Give Online
give.mdpc.org



Sun, May 18 • After the 9:45am service
Join us at the playground by the north parking lot for a laid-back hangout. Bring the whole fam, grab a popsicle, and connect with other awesome dads. Fun times!



Next Session: Sun, May 18 • 12:30-2pm
Recent HS grads: Join us for a series of sessions that explore college topics and help you get ready for an exciting new chapter! Details: yaevents.mdpc.org



Sundays starting June 1 • 11am-12pm
Sunday school designed for newly married young adults, with or without children. It's a welcoming space to connect, grow, and walk together in faith! yaevents.mdpc.org



Summer REACH Camps Start Soon!
All are welcome in MDPC's REACH recreational program - you don't have to be a member to participate! See all the fun camps and classes at reach.mdpc.org.

Financial Update as of May 11, 2025

2025 Annual Budget	\$ 14,203,292
Actual Income to Date	4,302,882
Needed to Meet 2025 Budget	9,900,410

Families with little ones are a cherished part of our church community. If at any point you need a little extra space to comfort your child, please know our Family Room is available. It's a cozy, quiet space just down the hall where you can still follow the service live. Whether you stay in the Sanctuary or use the Family Room, we're just so glad you're here with us.



Collecting through this Sun, May 18
Help us fill the food pantry for summer! Demand for increases with children home from school. See the most-needed items at fooddrive.mdpc.org.



Mon, May 19 • 1-2pm • Parlor
Learn about the right fuel for your brain health and ways to incorporate more high quality vitamin-rich foods in your everyday diet. RSVP to Beverly: bfluke@mdpc.org



Fri PM, June 6 and Sat AM, June 7
This class is how you can become a Covenant Partner or simply learn more about our church and ministries. Evening + morning, no overnight. Details: membership.mdpc.org



Mon-Fri, Jul 14-18 • 9:30am-12:30pm
Summer Celebration is almost here! We've got 750 adorable kids coming for faith, fun, and friendship—and volunteers like YOU help make it happen! Sign up: sc.mdpc.org

You Will Live • [Romans 8:28-34](#)

Our sermon series continues this Sunday with the third installment of our Eastertide series on Romans 8. Because Christ died and rose again, how are our lives changed? Today we look at one of the most oft-quoted Scriptures, and one of the most discussed Scriptures, both of which can easily be taken out of context. Come along as we consider what precedes this verse – in the text of Scripture and also in life. And yes, we will also consider what comes next.

1. When difficulties arise – whether up close and personal, or far away – what assumptions do you make? What questions immediately pop to mind? With whom do you discuss your thoughts and feelings about suffering?
2. The sermon recognized that there is a relationship between pain and prayer. How would you describe your conversation with God when the unexpected happens? Fervent? Fearful? Silent? Loud? Public? Personal?
3. Pastor and spiritual director Dallas Willard paraphrased Romans 8:28 to say, "For those who love God, nothing irredeemable can happen to you." How might this reading shape your understanding of life circumstances? Of faith?
4. What does it mean to you that God is always drawing us out, always shaping us into a greater likeness of Jesus Christ?
5. Read Romans 8:28-30 together – as a unit. Then read verses 26-32; then 26-37. Why might it be important that we interpret these verses in context of each other, and also in the larger context of Romans chapter 8?
6. According to commentator William Barclay, verses 29-30 reflect the experience of a believer in the order (*ordo salutis*) of how God works in our lives. How might you utilize these words to tell the story of God working in your life?
7. The sermon mentioned several possibilities for faith-filled response to this passage of God's Word. Which resonates with you today: 1) gratitude; 2) wrestling; 3) humble worship; 4) deepening trust; 5) something else?