



Dan Aikins preaching Sun, Jun 29, 2025 8:30 SERVICE Call to Worship & Patriotic Medley Brett Hurst *Song of Praise **Great Things** *Prayer of Confession & Assurance Rachel Poysky Song of Worship Here for You Moment of Prayer **Brett Hurst** Song of Preparation Goodness of God The Hall of Fame: Hebrews 11:20-22 Dan Aikins Message Song of Response 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) *Benediction Dan Aikins 9:45 SERVICE Call to Worship & Patriotic Medley **Brett Hurst** *Songs of Praise Great Things / Here for You *Confession & Assurance Sally Henien *Song of Worship Goodness of God The Hall of Fame: Hebrews 11:20-22 Dan Aikins Message 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Song of Response Amanda Grace Morris **Prayer & Connection** *Benediction Dan Aikins Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Chris Parrot, guitar; JJ Blanco, keys; Coppelia Acevedo & Angel Uribe, worship leaders 11:15 SERVICE Prelude Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory arr. Todd Billingsley Call to Worship Rachel Poysky **Choral Introit** The God Who Gave Us Life Gave Us Liberty Randall Thompson (1899-1984)*Hymn of Praise #262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand Vs. 1, 2, 4 NATIONAL HYMN *Prayer of Confession and Assurance Rachel Poysky *Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8 Gloria Patri **Congregational Reponse** Hymn #579 Anthem America the Beautiful arr. James Mulholland (b. 1935) Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer Beth Case **Anthem of Preparation** Our Faith in God Alone Mary McDonald (b. 1956) The Hall of Fame: Hebrews 11:20-22 Message Dan Aikins My Faith Looks Up to Thee *Hymn of Response #383 Vs. 1, 3 | OLIVET *Benediction Dan Aikins

God of the Ages

arr. Sprunger

Postlude

MINISTRYHIGHLIGHTS

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





MDPC Officer Nominations Are Open

Do you know someone perfect to step into a leadership role at this church? Nominate them today! The nomination process is fast and easy: nominate.mdpc.org



Sat, Jul 19 & 26 • 9am-1pm

Married Life Prep is a free 8-hour series open to dating, engaged, newlywed, and young married couples. Learn more and register at mlp.mdpc.org.



Uganda Wish List: uganda.mdpc.org

At the end of July, current 11 and 12 graders will journey to Uganda to work with Lulwanda Children's Home. Help them brighten the kids' lives with items from the wish list!



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

Financial Update as of Jun 22, 2025

 2025 Annual Budget
 \$ 14,203,292

 Actual Income to Date
 5,773,720

 Needed to Meet 2025 Budget
 8,429,572



Aug 29-Sep 1

Join us on an eye-opening trip to Honduras to visit The Micah Project. Come witness the transformational power of this ministry! Learn more at micah.mdpc.org.



Next Showing: Wed, July 23 • 3pm

Join us in the Amphitheater for popcorn and a movie - all free, all are welcome! Our first film is *The Wild Robot* (PG). Details at movies.mdpc.org.



MDPC Soccer League

Teams are forming now for PreK4-5th grade, and games (Saturdays) start Sep 13. Register by Jul 31! Learn more and sign up at **sports.mdpc.org**.



Next Up: Summer Serve, Thu, Jul 31

MDPC Women are offering three unique events and studies designed to encourage fellowship, faith, and fun! Come to one or come to all! Details: slice.mdpc.org

Births and Deaths

Marilyn Richardson passed away June 24. Bob Swinney passed away June 18. More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

SERMONNOTES

The Hall of Fame of Faith and Faithfulness • Hebrews 11:20-22

We continue our sermon series from Hebrews 11 with three verses about Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. They inherited God's promises to Abraham and passed on the promises without receiving the promised blessing in full. God has now given those in Christ a better inheritance—a continuation and completion of the one received "by faith" in earlier generations. Both inheritances look back to humanity's original purpose in the Garden and look forward to God's restoration of the world.

- 1. Who are Isaac, Jacob, Esau, and Joseph? Share what you remember about them with your group or make a bullet point list. Refresh your memory by flipping through the second half of Genesis.
- 2. In these three verses, the author of Hebrews suggests that the blessings from Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph blessed were an act of faith. Take the steps below to explore how faith is involved in these stories.
 - Reread the author's description of faith in Hebrews 11:1-2.
 - Read these blessings/requests in Gen 27:26-29; 28:1-5; 47:29-48:22; and 50:24-25.
 - How are their blessings/requests reflections of "assurance of these hoped for, the conviction of things not seen?"
- 3. In the sermon, Dan talked about words or phrases that are loaded with meaning—simple words that carry stories of cultural significance. He shared examples of "rockets red glare" and 9/11. What are other examples of words or phrases loaded with meaning?
- 4. A loaded phrase repeated throughout the stories of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph is "fruitful and multiply." The phrase was first written in Genesis 1:26-28. Read those verses. When you have read these verses before how have you understood the imperatives "fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over...?"
- 5. J.H. Bavinck, the late Dutch Reformed missionary, explains Genesis 1:28 this way: "As humanity, we are assigned an exceptional place in the greater context of the kingdom from the very first. We are simultaneously *subjects* and to some extent *co-rulers*, viceroys over certain regions. Not everything is subjected to us. . . But the earth and its plants and animals have been assigned to us, given for us to rule over and to use for God's service, to fathom and understand creation's hidden powers, and so to bring to full development the innate possibilities of creation."

How does this inform your understanding of Genesis 1:28?

6. The intentional repetition of "fruitful and multiply" in the stories of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph invite us to see how God continues his original plan for humanity through the family of Abraham, which eventually gives birth to Jesus. Read Matthew 28:16-20. How do you see "fruitful and multiply" reimagined by Jesus?

¹J.H. Bavinck, *Between the Beginning and the End: A Radical Kingdom Vision*, qtd. in "Themelios," 48.3 (2023), 594.