

SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (NLT) | Written by Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson

This week's message invited us to stay with Easter a little longer—to let the resurrection of Jesus shape not only our beliefs, but our ordinary Mondays. Paul insists in 1 Corinthians 15 that the resurrection is not a metaphor or a theological add-on, but the load-bearing truth of Christian faith. Because Christ has been raised, forgiveness is real, grief has a horizon, love is not lost, and even the most ordinary days are charged with new life. These questions are meant to help us explore what it looks like to live inside the real consequences of the resurrection.

1. Paul argues by asking, “What if the resurrection didn't happen?” Which of Paul's consequences in verses 12–19 stands out to you most, and why? What do you think Paul wants us to feel as well as understand through this line of reasoning?
2. The sermon emphasized that resurrection is not just Easter Sunday truth but Monday truth. What does an “ordinary Monday” look like in your life right now? Where do you find it hardest to connect faith in the resurrection with the routines or pressures you face?
3. “If Christ has not been raised, we remain in our sins.” How does the resurrection deepen or strengthen your understanding of forgiveness—both God's forgiveness of you and your forgiveness of others?
4. The message named grief and loss honestly while holding out hope. How has resurrection hope shaped—or challenged—the way you live with grief, uncertainty, or questions about the future?
5. The sermon suggests that following Christ without the resurrection would be tragic—but with resurrection, it becomes an act of hope. In what ways does discipleship feel costly right now? How does the promise of resurrection change how you see those costs?
6. “Join Him.” What is one small, concrete way you might join God this week—in a forgiveness offered, a fear faced with hope, or a faithful step taken on a very ordinary day?

Births and Deaths

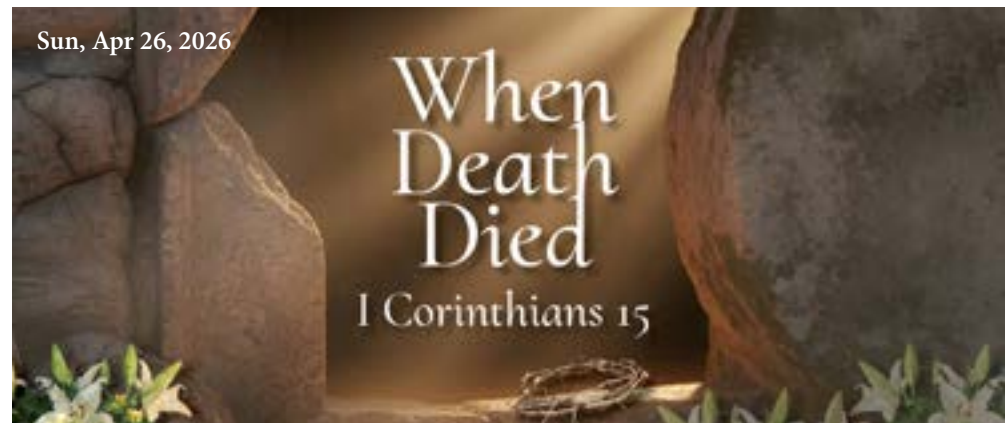
Brian Kilgore passed away April 14.

Jerry Stockbridge passed away April 19.

More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

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Sun, Apr 26, 2026



Help Stock MDPC Fuente Food Pantry May 1-18

Fill our Food Pantry prior to summer vacation when demand increases with children home from school! See the list of needed items or order from our Amazon wish list link: fooddrive.mdpc.org

Approaches to Prayer

Thu through May 21 | 10:15-11:15am | Amphi.

Join Rev. Beth Case for simple, guided approaches to prayer that help you engage with God in real, personal, and consistent ways. Men and women welcome! Details and RSVP: atp.mdpc.org

College Prep Series

Sun, May 3 | 11:15am

High school seniors, gather in the Youth area to hear from an amazing guest speaker on important topics for life in college. Food will be provided! May topic: *What to Study Your Bible*. Learn more: youth.mdpc.org

Join an Outreach Committee

Encounter God through the work of our partners while playing a crucial role in MDPC's radical giv-

ing! Teams visit 2-3 outreach partners during the year to review and consider MDPC's partnership. Committee meetings are once a month. Contact Julie LaRue to learn more: jarue@mdpc.org

National Day of Prayer

Thu, May 7 | 7am-5pm | Chapel

Prayer stations will be set up for you in the MDPC Chapel. Come and go as God leads you to pray for the nation, the church, and the world.

Dad Vibes

Sun, May 17 | Right after 9:45 service

Join us for a laid-back time to connect with other dads while the kids run, play, and burn off some energy on the Elementary Playground. No agenda, no pressure—just good conversation, new connections, and a chance to build community with other guys in the same season of life. dadvibes.mdpc.org

Ladies Summer Study

Wed, June 17 & 24 | 10-11:30am | Summit Room

Join pastors Beth and Rachel as we dig into the book of Colossians while highlighting different methods of study. Eat lunch together afterwards in the cafeteria! Details: slice.mdpc.org

Experience *The Creation* by Joseph Haydn in an immersive multimedia presentation.

Sun, Apr 26
Sanctuary | 6pm

FREE Admission
springconcert.mdpc.org

MDPC Concert Series
2025-2026

You're Invited to
ALL-CHURCH LUNCH

Sun, May 3 | 11am-1pm
Fellowship Hall

Join your church family after services for lunch on the first Sunday of each month!

Pricing and menu:
ACL.mdpc.org

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As you enter worship, we kindly ask that you silence your cell phones.



8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship Laurien Hook
 *Songs of Praise *Your Grace Is Enough | Fairest Lord Jesus (My Soul's Glory)*
 Confession & Assurance Laurien Hook
 Introduction of New Covenant Partners Dan Aikins
 Prayer
 Worship Song *What a Beautiful Name*

HEARING THE WORD

Message **When Death Died | 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (NLT)** Alf Halvorson

RESPONDING

Song of Response *In Christ Alone*

SENDING

*Benediction Alf Halvorson

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

GATHERING

*Invitation to Worship *Freedom in This House*
 *Call to Worship Michael Middleton
 *Songs of Praise *God I'm Grateful for You | What a Beautiful Name*
 Confession & Assurance Riley McDaniel
 Welcome Dan Aikins
 †Introduction of New Covenant Partners
 Prayer
 Worship Song *How Great Is Your Love*

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Blended and Contemporary Worship Leaders

MDPC Worship Team: Uvaldo Callejas, David Cavazos, Asher Pudlo, Will Story
 Michael Middleton, Generational Worship Director | Meliza Gómez, Contemporary Worship Director

* Please stand, if comfortable.

† Learn more about our new Covenant Partners by visiting the Connection Center for a printed copy of their bios, or viewing it at today.mdpc.org.

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GATHERING

Prelude *Sonata No. 8* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
 Call to Worship Dan Aikins
 Choral Introit *The Lord Is Great (from The Creation)* J. Haydn (1732-1809)
 *Hymn of Praise *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Vs. 1, 2, 4 | #151 | DIADEMATA
 Confession and Assurance of Pardon Beth Case
 *Affirmation of Faith from New City Catechism
 *Congregational Response *Psalm 103 - O Bless the Lord My Soul* #145 | MARION

HEARING THE WORD

Anthem of Preparation *I Surrender All* arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
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RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response *Just As I Am Without One Plea* Vs. 1, 3 | #370 | WOODWORTH
 Introduction of New Covenant Partners Dan Aikins
 Prayer

Anthem *Awake the Harp (from The Creation)* J. Haydn (1732-1809)

SENDING

*Benediction Alf Halvorson
 Postlude *Postlude on Come, Thou Almighty King*
 arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Traditional Worship Leaders

MDPC Sanctuary Choir | Cassandra Black, Chris Childress, Juan Garza, soloists
 Miriam Belyatsky and Rasa Kalesnykaite, violinists | Kathryn White, organist/pianist
 Charles Hausmann, Traditional Worship Director

Our pastors are here to help. They'd love to hear from you!



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Remember Our Frontline Mission Partners

MDPC partners in local and global ministry truly covet your prayers! Find out this week's prayer recipients by picking up the prayer booklet available around campus or visit partners.mdpc.org.