

## SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (NLT) | Written by Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson

This message explores the hope at the heart of Easter: that in Jesus Christ, death does not get the final word. Using Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 15:20-28—and the stark contrast between good and evil portrayed in the film *Platoon*—we consider what it means to belong to Adam by nature and to belong to Christ by faith, and how the Spirit forms new life in us even now as we wait for the final defeat of death.

1. In 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, what stands out to you about Paul's claim that Christ's resurrection is the "first fruits"? Why does that matter for ordinary grief, fear, and hope?
2. The message describes two camps: life "in Adam" and life "in Christ." What do you think it looks like—practically—to move from one to the other? What gets in the way of trusting Christ?
3. Where do you recognize the "Barnes side" (the flesh) in yourself? Without getting stuck in shame, what patterns or pressures tend to draw that out of you?
4. Paul contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5). Which fruit of the Spirit do you most desire right now, and what might it look like to "keep in step with the Spirit" this week?
5. My sermon said, "Death doesn't get the last word—Jesus does." How would that belief change the way you face suffering, aging, or loss today?
6. The closing funeral story highlights the importance of not leaving your family "wondering." What does it mean, in your own words, to "settle it" with Christ? And how can this group pray for one another in that?

### Births and Deaths

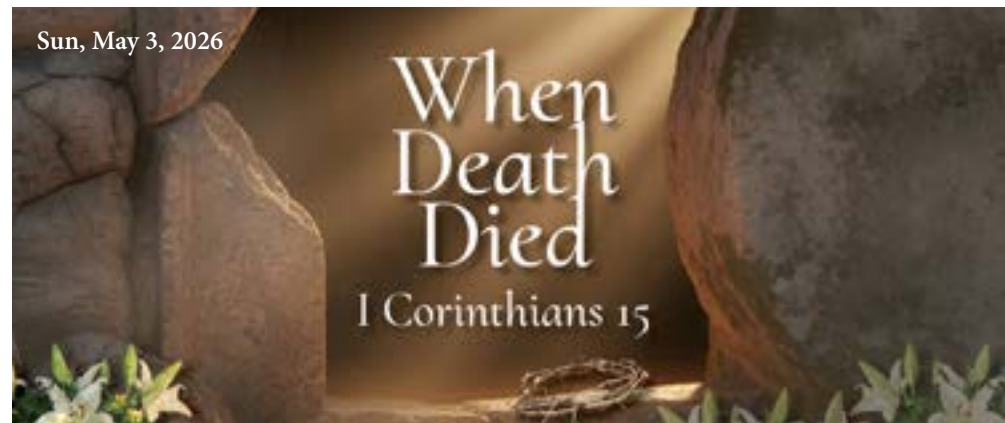
Brian Kilgore passed away April 14.

Jerry Stockbridge passed away April 19.

More information at [memorials.mdpc.org](http://memorials.mdpc.org).

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Sun, May 3, 2026



### 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](http://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 3 topic: *How to Study Your Bible*. Learn more: [youth.mdpc.org](http://youth.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.

### MDPC Post-Grad Community

**Tuesdays starting May 12 | 7pm | Off campus**  
A welcoming group focused on fellowship and a weekly Bible study. This community is designed for young adults seeking spiritual growth, authen-

tic relationships, and a place to connect. Contact Rachel Poysky with questions ([rpoyksy@mdpc.org](mailto:rpoyksy@mdpc.org)) or RSVP at [postgrad.mdpc.org](http://postgrad.mdpc.org).

### 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](http://dadvibes.mdpc.org)

### Ladies Summer Study

**Wed, June 17 & 24 | 10-11:30am | Summit Room**  
Join Pastor Beth Case 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](http://slice.mdpc.org)

### MDPC Weekly News

MDPC News is emailed every Thursday morning and contains a brief summary of Pastor Alf's Sunday sermon, upcoming events, and helpful links. You can subscribe at [mymdpc.mdpc.org](http://mymdpc.mdpc.org), or view a PDF on the MDPC app or at [news.mdpc.org](http://news.mdpc.org).

## PACK THE FUENTE

# FOOD PANTRY

**MAY 1-18**

[fooddrive.mdpc.org](http://fooddrive.mdpc.org)



### Most-Needed Items:

Canned Spaghetti / Ravioli  
Canned Tuna & Chicken  
Canned Mixed Vegetables  
Canned Fruit Cocktail  
Peanut Butter  
Boxed Cereal  
Mac and Cheese  
Ramen Packets

Drop off donations at the Front Office or Parlor tables.

Scan for convenient giving via the Amazon Wish List!



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](http://ACL.mdpc.org)



Online Giving [give.mdpc.org](http://give.mdpc.org)



All Events [events.mdpc.org](http://events.mdpc.org)

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



## 8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

### GATHERING

Call to Worship Clay Brown  
 \*Songs of Praise *How Good It Is / Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*  
 Confession & Assurance Clay Brown  
 Prayer Amy Delgado  
 Worship Song *Jesus Paid It All*

### HEARING THE WORD

Message **When Death Died | 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (NLT)** Alf Halvorson

### RESPONDING

Offertory *Jesus Be The Name*

### SENDING

\*Benediction Alf Halvorson

## 9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

### GATHERING

\*Invitation to Worship *How Good It Is*  
 \*Call to Worship Michael Middleton  
 \*Songs of Praise *King of Kings*  
 Confession & Assurance Miah Collins  
 Welcome | Prayer Beth Case  
 Worship Song *Jesus Paid It All*

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Blended and Contemporary Worship Leaders

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

\* Please stand, if comfortable.

## 11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

### GATHERING

Prelude *Triumphant March* Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)  
 Call to Worship Amy Delgado  
 Choral Introit *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw (1875-1958)  
 \*Hymn of Praise *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
 VS. 1, 4, 5 | #423 | DUKE STREET

Confession and Assurance of Pardon Christyn Knoop

\*Affirmation of Faith from The Nicene Creed

\*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* #579 | GLORIA PATRI

### HEARING THE WORD

Anthem of Preparation *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again* Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

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### RESPONDING

\*Hymn of Response *Thine Is the Glory* VS. 1, 2 | #122 | JUDAS MACCABEUS

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer Amy Delgado

Offertory *Arise, My Soul, Arise* Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

### SENDING

\*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592 | OLD 100TH

\*Benediction Alf Halvorson

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* arr. Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

Traditional Worship Leaders  
 MDPC Sanctuary Choir | Kathryn White, organist  
 Charles Hausmann, Traditional Worship Director

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



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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](http://partners.mdpc.org).