

This week’s final message from Job invites us to bring our honest questions, grief, and confusion before God without pretending that easy answers will make suffering simple. Job never receives a full explanation for his pain, but he does receive something deeper: an encounter with the living God. Together, consider what it might mean to trust God not because every “why” has been answered, but because God’s presence becomes an anchor in the storm. As you discuss these questions, give each other permission to speak honestly and to listen gently. Job teaches us that faith does not require pretending pain is simple.

1. Where are you carrying honest “why” questions right now—or where have you carried them in the past? What would it be like to bring those questions to God without feeling the need to clean them up first?
2. If you do not have time to read all of Job 38–42, read Job 38:1–5, 31–36; 40:1–5; and 42:1–7. God answers Job out of the whirlwind—not with an explanation, but with a larger vision of creation and God’s ongoing care. How does that response feel to you: comforting, challenging, frustrating, or something else?
3. My message suggests that Job is not healed by a full explanation but steadied by an encounter with God. When, if ever, have you sensed God’s presence in a personal and real way? How did that presence help you—and where did it still leave you waiting, grieving, or wondering?
4. What is the difference between knowing about God “by the hearing of the ear” and seeing God more personally or firsthand? In Job 42:1–6, how does Job respond to the living God? If Job is not repenting of the hidden sins his friends accused him of, what might he be repenting of instead?
5. Job’s restoration is described in Job 42:10–17 as life after loss, not a simple reversal of loss. Why is that distinction pastorally important for people who have suffered? How might it keep us from offering shallow comfort to someone who is grieving?
6. What are your one or two main takeaways from this short four-week series? This week, what might “faith after the funeral” look like in your life—or in the life of someone you love and care for in Christ?





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All Events

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Wednesday Night Dinner Returns
Wednesdays starting Sep 9 | 5-7pm
Grab dinner in Fellowship Hall before Wednesday-night programs! Details: cafe.mdpc.org

Word and Worship
Weekly, Sep 2026-Feb 2027
The book of Daniel contains some of the stories we are most familiar with, but also many others that are often neglected - this study will cover all of them! Many day and time options. Learn more: wandw.mdpc.org

Alpha Launch Night
Tue, Sep 8 | 6:30-9pm
Guests enjoy great food and watch an Alpha series episode on a question of faith. Everyone’s welcome, no matter your background or beliefs. The evening and childcare are free, so come see if it’s for you! More info and RSVP: alphalaunch.mdpc.org

Two Weeks in Revelation
Wed, Sep 9 & 16 | 6:30-7:30pm | Summit Room
Come join Laurien Hook as she leads us in a two-week study of the book of Revelation.

Ladies Bingo Night
Thu, Sep 10 | 5:30-8:30pm | MDPC
Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and connection with women of all ages at MDPC, complete with great prizes and a grand prize finale! Sign up online: bingo.mdpc.org

MomCo: Good Company
Every other Thu, Sep 10-Apr 29 | 9:30-11:30am
Calling all moms! Whether you’re navigating diapers, school drop-offs, or somewhere in between, you’ll find women who understand. Free childcare. Sign up: momco.mdpc.org

The Family Impact Project
Sat, Sep 12 | Times vary
Looking for a meaningful way to serve alongside your family? Join us for a one-day opportunity to bless others through simple acts of service. No special skills required! Rregistration: FIP.mdpc.org

Men’s Life: Finding Your True Identity
Tue, Sep 15-Nov 17 | 6:30-7:45am
In Men’s Life 2026, we’ll discover who you already are in Christ and learn to live from the identity God has given you—not the one the world tries to assign. Learn more and register: ml.mdpc.org

Blast Off for 1st-5th Graders
Wed, Sep 16-Nov 18 | 5:30-7pm
Get ready to zoom into a galaxy of fun, faith, and friendship at our awesome mid-week program!
Blast Off Moms Book Club
Drop off your kids, grab dinner from the cafe, then join us in room 207! \$15 covers the book and dinner provided each night.
Details and sign up for Blast Off and/or Book Club: blastoff.mdpc.org

Noche de Sabor
Sat, Sep 19 | 6-9pm
Everyone’s invited to our free annual multicultural celebration! We come together each year to lift up the different cultures represented in our MDPC congregation. Come hungry and get to know your whole church family! nds.mdpc.org

Make an IMPACT!
Training: Sun, Sep 20 | 12:30pm
Games. Conversation. Friendship. That’s all it takes to make a difference! Spend just 30 minutes each week with a child who would benefit from another caring adult in their life: impact.mdpc.org



LABOR DAY LUNCH & KONA ICE!

Today • 11am-1:30pm • Fellowship Hall

We’re firing up the outdoor grill for a delicious meal of burgers and hot dogs, served fresh and hot inside in the air conditioning!

Join your church family to celebrate the unofficial end of summer. There is no charge for lunch; freewill offerings accepted.



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

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship	Rachel Poysky
*Songs of Praise	<i>How Good It Is He Is Making All Things Right In Christ Alone</i>
Confession & Assurance	Dan Aikins
Song of Response	<i>Made for More</i>
Prayer	Rachel Poysky
Worship Song	<i>Firm Foundation</i>

HEARING THE WORD

Message	Faith After the Funeral: The Job Journey Life After “Why” (Job 38-42 NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
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RESPONDING

Song of Response	<i>Bridge Over Troubled Water</i>
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SENDING

*Benediction	Alf Halvorson
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9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship	Michael Middleton
*Songs of Praise	<i>How Good It Is He Is Making All Things Right In Christ Alone</i>
Confession & Assurance	Matthew Adair
Song of Response	<i>Made for More</i>
Prayer	Rachel Poysky
Worship Song	<i>Firm Foundation</i>

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RESPONDING

Song of Response	<i>Bridge Over Troubled Water</i>
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SENDING

*Benediction	Alf Halvorson
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Blended and Contemporary Worship Leaders
Worship Team: Uvaldo Callejas, David Cavazos, Asher Pudlo, Abraham Uribe, Angel Uribe, Fernie Uribe
Meliza Gómez, Contemporary Worship Director | Michael Middleton, Generational Worship Director

* Please stand, if comfortable.

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GATHERING

Preludes	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)
Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
Choral Introit	<i>Behold Now Praise the Lord</i>	Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>I Sing the Almighty Power of God</i> Vs. 1, 2, 3	#288 ELLACOMBE
*Confession and Assurance of Pardon		Paul Ehram
*Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles’ Creed		
*Congregational Response	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	#279 GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

Anthem of Preparation	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	Jean Sibelius, arr. Dan Bird
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*Hymn of Response	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> Vs. 1, 3	#276 FAITHFULNESS
Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Anthem	<i>God of Majesty and Glory</i>	James Biery (b. 1956)

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*Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Festival Voluntary</i>	Flor Peeters(1903-1986)

Traditional Worship Leaders
Kelley Edwards, flutist | Sanctuary Choir
Steffanie West, Worship Director | Rob Landes, guest organist/pianist

* Please stand, if comfortable.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

Legacy Grandparenting Summit

Join other Christian grandparents at our neighbor Christ Presbyterian on Fri, Oct 9 for a day of wisdom, hope, practical resources, and community. Discover tools and encouragement for building a spiritual legacy that reaches generations to come! [LGS.mdpc.org](https://lgs.mdpc.org)

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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.

Financial Update as of Aug 30, 2026

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 14,728,728
Actual Income to Date	8,771,543
Needed to Meet 2026 Budget	5,957,185

Births and Deaths

John Durfey passed away August 29.
Jim Hegenbarth passed away August 30.
Margery Royer passed away August 30.
More information at memorials.mdpc.org.