

Sunday, May 31, 2015

WORN Pages

Our Favorite Scriptures



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*Please stand if able.

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Kristin Huffman
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>He Is Exalted</i> <i>Rising Sun</i>	Twila Paris Jordan/Leonard/Lee/Mabury
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rick Myers
SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	SOLID ROCK
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	<i>All the Poor and Powerless</i>	Jordan/ Leonard
MESSAGE	<i>Jesus: The Image of the Invisible God Colossians 1:15-23</i>	Brett Hurst

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Rick Myers
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Kristin Huffman
MEET THE SUMMER INTERNS		Rachel Poysky/Luke Gordon
MESSAGE	<i>Jesus: The Image of the Invisible God Colossians 1:15-23</i>	Brett Hurst

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Adagio</i>	T. Albinoni (1671-1751)
WELCOME		Kristin Huffman
CALL TO WORSHIP		
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Let a Joyful Song Arise</i>	Carl Nygard
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>O Worship the King</i>	#476; Vs. 1, 2, 5 LYONS
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rick Myers
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from the United Church of Canada	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	Arr. Moses Hogan
OFFERTORY	<i>We Walk by Faith</i>	Jan Sanborn (b. 1958)
MESSAGE	<i>Jesus: The Image of the Invisible God Colossians 1:15-23</i>	Brett Hurst
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i>	#345; Vs. 1, 4 REST
POSTLUDE	<i>Allegro from Symphony No. 6</i>	Widor/arr. Whitford

Please silence all devices, and refrain from consuming food or beverages during worship.

Sermon Notes

Stop by the Connection Center in the Lobby or the Front Office for a copy of this week's sermon notes. They also are available from the ushers, and will be posted at sermons.mdpc.org.

Praises & Prayers

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by:

Jim and Jacquie Abbott, in celebration of Roy Davis on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Please pray for MDPC members recently released from the hospital:

Warren Bright

The White Rose is in memory of:

Helen Foltz, who passed away May 18, 2015.

Prime Timers presents Summer Movies

Free admission and popcorn - all are welcome! Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Following the movie, stay for Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Select Wednesdays: June 3, Paddington (PG) | 3:00 PM | Amphitheater

A full Summer Movies schedule is at films.mdpc.org.

All-Church Lunch: Everyone Is Welcome!

Homemade food served up with a smile! You won't find a better Sunday lunch deal in Memorial. Meal price (adult entrée \$10, entrée salad \$8.50, children \$4) includes a drink, side salad, fresh-baked bread, and choice of an array of pies and cakes, all made in the MDPC kitchen.

Next Sunday, June 7 | 11:00 AM-1:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Calling All Knitters!

Have you ever wanted to express your concern beyond using comforting words? Your knitting can reach out locally and globally through these quiet yet powerful ministries at MDPC:

Knitting for Missions: Every Monday | 9:30 AM | MC Room 126

Prayer Shawl Ministry: June 8 (Second Monday monthly) | 6:30 PM | The Nook at MDPC

Contact Maritza Pujols with questions: mpujols@mdpc.org or 713-490-9556

Kids' Meals: Meals on Wheels for Preschool Children

MDPC is instrumental in providing one day's worth of deliveries - that's 2,200 sandwiches! You can make a difference. Bring two loaves of bread and be part of the sandwich-making team.

Wednesday, June 10 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie Hempel: hempeljulie@gmail.com

Golf and Supporting an Amazing MDPC Partner?

Join us for the 5th annual Micah Project Golf Classic at The Clubs of Kingwood. Great golf, delicious food, ice cold beverages, and new and old friendships - all while raising money to support one of the most amazing ministries. We hope to see you on the links!

Monday, June 15

Details and registration: Mulligans4Micah.com

Thailand Trip - October 2015

MDPC is assembling a team to care for missionary children at an upcoming conference in Thailand. While missionaries are meeting, we will provide a loving and educational program for their children, from infants to teens. The trip is open to 10-15 travelers who have big hearts and lots of energy to create a memorable experience for these junior missionaries.

Inquiry Deadline: June 20

Contact Amy Delgado for more information: adelgado@mdpc.org

MDPC College: Tuesday Morning Discipleship Groups

Lower-Division: For soon-to-be college sophomores and juniors. Luke Gordon will focus us on going deeper in our faith.

Upper-Division: For graduated, soon-to-be, and super seniors. We'll focus on the transition out of college, (re)forming one's identity, and finding a career. Visits from MDPC members will offer wisdom and networking opportunities.

Questions? Contact Brandon Gaide by email (bgaide@mdpc.org) or text (832-627-9613).

Cho-Yeh Adopt-a-Staffer

Every summer, over 200 staff travel to Camp Cho-Yeh from all over Texas and beyond. Serving at Camp is like running a marathon - pouring out all of oneself until the finish, without much time to breathe. Help us support the staff with prayers, letters of encouragement, and care packages!

Details: cho-yeh.com/summer-camps-in-texas/parent-information/adopt

Summer of Service

Spread Jesus's love through action this summer, right here at home in Houston! We'll work with SEARCH, the MDPC Fuente Food Pantry, A 2nd Cup, The Beacon, and Casa el Buen Samaritano.

For details, contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org or 713-490-9552

We're stewarding our budget carefully due to the current deficit. This summer's smaller, monochromatic bulletin is part of these efforts. Visit mdpc.org for more info on events and programs. To be placed on the email list, contact Cinnamon at cmcdade@mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2015 Budget	\$ 10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 3,357,070
Actual Income to Date	\$ 2,995,658
Current Income Deficit	\$ 361,412



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WORN Pages

Colossians 1:15-23 | *Jesus: The Image of the Invisible God*

Brett Hurst Preaching

Today we continue Worn Pages, a series looking at favorite passages of MDPC's pastors, the passages where the pages of their Bibles are worn from being read so often.

Sometimes we get surprised to discover new things about someone we think we know so well. One of the exciting things about a relationship with Christ is that there is always something new to learn about Him. Our knowledge and understanding is quite limited; His understanding is unlimited.

In our text today, we are told that Jesus is the “firstborn” of all creation. In this case, the word does not describe Christ as the first “created” being in time. After all, Jesus is before all things and all things are created by Him. In the Hebrew culture, *firstborn* did not necessarily refer to the first son born. This certainly was not the case with Isaac or Jacob. However, both Isaac and Jacob ranked first in order of being rightful heirs to inheritance.

- Since Jesus is God (and therefore not created), in what way does Jesus rank as the firstborn over all creation?
- Later, in verse 18, Jesus is also referred to as “the firstborn from among the dead.” What do you think this means? What was unique about Christ’s own experience with death? What hope does His resurrection that give you about death and suffering?

The ancient Gnostics erroneously believed that angelic beings were the creators of the earth. Read Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:16.

- What are your conclusions about creation based on these verses?
- If all things were made “for Jesus,” what do you think that says about you?

Paul used the word “fullness” in Colossians 1:19 to refer to the complete embodiment of God in the Person of Jesus Christ.

- Knowing that Christ fully embodies all of God’s nature, how does that encourage you?
- Is Christ a worthy and capable recipient of your praises and prayers? If so, for what reasons?

According to verse 20, Christ made peace with all things through His blood, shed on the cross.

- What types of things in our world need the peace of Christ? Name several.
- How might you be called to be Christ’s hands and feet of His grand reconciliation process?

