

MDPC

# Ash ~~Wednesday~~ Sunday

**8:30 AM Service**

Sunday, February 21, 2021

*The Dark Night of Your Soul*

Psalm 63:1-8

<b>Opening Song</b>	<i>Death was Arrested</i>	North Pointe Worship
<b>Welcome /Call to Worship and Opening Prayer</b>		Brett Hurst
<b>*Song of Praise</b>	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Crowder
<b>Moment of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>		Brett Hurst
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Isaiah 53:1-6	Clay Brown
<b>New Members &amp; Congregational Response</b>		Dan Aikins
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Man of Sorrows</i>	Hillsong Worship
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	1 John 1:5-9	Beth Case
<b>Song of Preparation</b>	<i>Like Incense / Sometimes by Step</i>	Hillsong Worship
<b>Reflection</b>	<i>The Dark Night of Your Soul</i>	Alf Halvorson
<b>Communion Invitation</b>		Alf Halvorson
	<i>All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.</i>	
<b>Communion Meditations</b>	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	Trad.
	<i>How Great is Your Love</i>	Phil Wickham
<b>Benediction &amp; Giving Opportunity</b>		Alf Halvorson



**Sunday Worship Playlist**

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**9:45 AM Service**

Sunday, February 21, 2021

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**Psalm 63:1-8**

<b>Opening Song</b>	<i>Death was Arrested</i>	North Pointe Worship
<b>Welcome/Call to Worship and Opening Prayer</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>*Song of Praise</b>	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Crowder
<b>*Prayer of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>		Dave Steane
<b>New Members &amp; Congregational Response</b>		Dan Aikins
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Isaiah 53:1-6	Mauricio Chacon
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Man of Sorrows</i>	Hillsong Worship
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	1 John 1:5-9	Beth Case
<b>Song of Preparation</b>	<i>Like Incense / Sometimes by Step</i>	Hillsong Worship
<b>Reflection</b>	The Dark Night of Your Soul	Alf Halvorson
<b>Communion Invitation</b>		Alf Halvorson
	<i>All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.</i>	
<b>Prayer of Communion</b>		Alf Halvorson
<b>Communion Meditations</b>	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	Trad.
	<i>How Great is Your Love</i>	Phil Wickham
<b>Benediction &amp; Giving Opportunity</b>		Alf Halvorson



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**11:15 AM Service**  
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**Psalm 63:1-8**

<b>Preludes</b>	<i>Aria</i>	Edward MacDowell (1840-1908)
	<i>Shall We Gather at the River?</i>	arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951) Kelley Edwards, Flute
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Dave Steane
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	AZMON
<b>*Prayer of Confession and Assurance</b>		Laurien Hook
<b>New Members &amp; Congregational Response</b>		Dan Aikins
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Isaiah 53:1-6	Dan Aikins
<b>Anthem of Preparation</b>	<i>Mercy</i>	Craig Courtney (b. 1948)
<b>Reflection</b>	<i>The Dark Night of Your Soul</i>	Alf Halvorson
<b>Communion Invitation</b>		Alf Halvorson
	<i>All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.</i>	
<b>Communion Anthem</b>	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	arr. Robert Sterling (b. 1955)
<b>Benediction &amp; Giving Opportunity</b>		Alf Halvorson
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Toccata in A</i>	Johann Kobrich (1714-1791)

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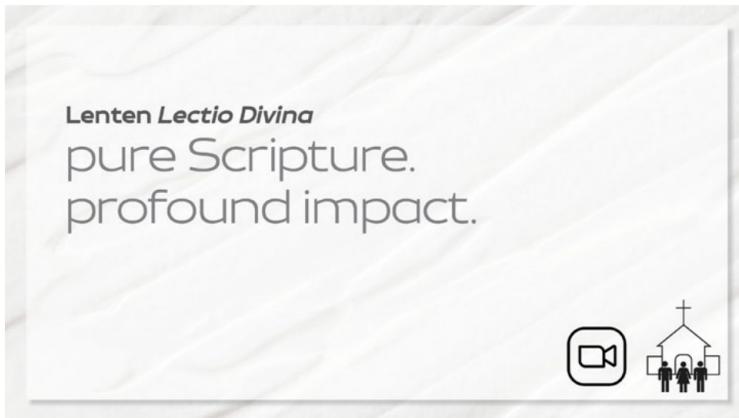
# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

To see more events at **MDPC**, visit [events.mdpc.org](https://events.mdpc.org).

**GIVING:** MDPC did make its 2020 budget. Weekly 2021 financial updates will be printed in the bulletin after Session approves the budget in late January. Online giving is available at [give.mdpc.org](https://give.mdpc.org).



Take a 6-week-long "quick start" look at Commandments 5-10, which focus on Christian living and loving our neighbors—a perfect study for Lent! A number of new groups have been created for this study. Learn more and find a group to fit your schedule at [quick.mdpc.org](https://quick.mdpc.org).



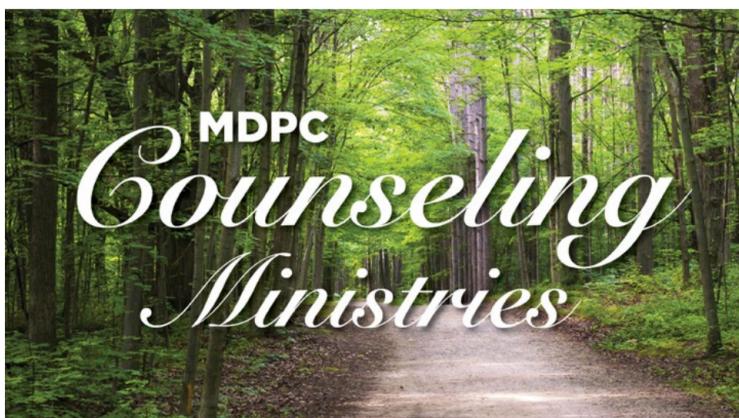
Looking to give up noise and anxiety for Lent? Join Pastor Beth Case, Christyn Knoop, and Dan Aikins for a Lenten Lectio Divina experience. Register at [pure.mdpc.org](https://pure.mdpc.org).



The world feels a little upside down, doesn't it? Despite the craziness, we still want mommas to feel prioritized and cared for. Our MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers) program has been adapted to the needs of this time...we hope you'll join us! Learn more at [mops.mdpc.org](https://mops.mdpc.org).



CONNECTION is our Sunday program for Middle and High School students where we come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. 11:15 AM in the Youth Loft; more info at [connection.mdpc.org](https://connection.mdpc.org).



Need a soft place to land? Unsure of where to go next? Learn more about our short-term counseling ministry by emailing **MDPC** counselor-in-residence Amanda Grace Caldwell, or visit [counseling.mdpc.org](https://counseling.mdpc.org).



Church in the City is back! Our fellow Houstonians can use your help this year more than ever. Sign up now for one of several projects at [citc.mdpc.org](https://citc.mdpc.org).

This year there also are take-home kits you can choose to do on their own, or in addition to working on an on-site project.



Pastor Alf will start us off with Genesis 1 at 6:00 AM on Monday, March 29. We expect to finish in the afternoon of Maundy Thursday. Every precaution will be made to ensure your safety during your reading! Please bring your own Bible. Find more info at [tsw.mdpc.org](https://tsw.mdpc.org).



Ready to eat some pizza and ice cream? Ready to play some kick ball? We are super excited to invite our Kindergarten and First Grade friends to a party just for them! [Click here](#) to get the details and sign up.



**MDPC** Children's Ministries is excited to offer Virtual AWANA! It's a scripturally-based, high-energy, and relationship-focused Bible Study for K through 5th grade. (Kaleidoscope, our Special Needs Ministry, offers AWANA up to 17 years of age.) Visit [awana.mdpc.org](https://awana.mdpc.org).



Children's Ministries Sunday School is now on YouTube! We will have Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary Kids on our YouTube channel from 10:45-11:15 AM for our Preschool and Elementary Kids. [Click here](#) to learn more.



**MDPC's** fast-paced Saturday food pantry can use your helping hands, even if it's just for an hour or two. Shifts are flexible and you'll be put right to work! Learn more and sign up at [action.mdpc.org](https://action.mdpc.org).