

# DOUBT

IT DOESN'T **HAVE TO BE FATAL** TO YOUR FAITH

**8:30 AM Service**  
Sunday, April 11, 2021

*Part 1*

[Matt. 28:16-17](#) and [1 Cor. 13:12](#) (NRSV), [Jude 21-22](#) (NIV)

<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<i>Here for You/Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Matt Maher/Trad.
<b>*Prayer of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>		Clay Brown
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Passion Worship
<b>Moment of Prayer</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Song of Preparation</b>	<i>God So Loved</i>	We the Kingdom
<b>Message</b>	<b>DOUBT Part 1</b> <i>Matt. 28:16-17 and 1 Cor. 13:12 (NRSV), Jude 21-22 (NIV)</i>	Alf Halvorson
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Shout to the Lord/Living Hope</i>	Zschech/Wickham
<b>Opportunity to Give &amp; Benediction</b>		



**Sunday Worship Playlist**

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9:45 AM Service  
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Invitation to Worship

Song of Praise

*God So Loved*

We the Kingdom

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Laurien Hook

Songs of Preparation *Here for You/Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
*Jesus Paid It All*

Matt Maher/TRAD.

Passion Worship

Message

**DOUBT Part 1**

Alf Halvorson

*Matt. 28:16-17 and 1 Cor. 13:12 (NRSV), Jude 21-22 (NIV)*

Song of Response

*Shout to the Lord/Living Hope*

Zschech/Wickham

Opportunity to Give & Benediction

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**11:15 AM Service**  
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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus Hymn of Promise</i>	arr. Matthew Corl (b.1965) arr. Brenda Portman (b.1985)
<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Choral Introit</b>	<i>Easter Antiphon</i>	David Hurd (b.1950)
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 3   PROMISE (from United Methodist Hymnal)
<b>*Prayer of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>		Dan Aikins
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b> from the United Church of Canada		
<b>*Congregational Response</b>	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Just As He Said</i>	Valerie Crescenz (b.1965)
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Rachel Poysky
<b>Anthem of Preparation</b>	<i>We Walk by Faith</i>	Jan Sanborn
<b>Message</b>	<b>DOUBT Part 1</b> <i>Matt. 28:16-17 and 1 Cor. 13:12 (NRSV), Jude 21-22 (NIV)</i>	Alf Halvorson
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	<i>Open My Eyes That I May See</i>	#324; Vs. 1, 2   OPEN MY EYES
<b>Opportunity to Give &amp; Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Menuet Gothique</i>	Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of April 4, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 2,433,460
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 8,866,540



## New Member Class

**Sundays, April 25-May 16 • 11:00 AM-12:15 PM**

In a series led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff, and you will be invited to explore if becoming a member is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. Learn more and sign up at [membership.mdpc.org](https://membership.mdpc.org).



**Wednesday, April 14 • 4:30-6:00 PM**

Texas is number one in the U.S. in food insecurity for children. You can help make sure there is one less hungry tummy! Come make sandwiches at **MDPC** for Kids' Meals. Learn more and sign up at [kidsmeals.mdpc.org](https://kidsmeals.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).

## Children's Sunday School and Childcare



Sunday childcare currently is available for children five and under. Visit [children.mdpc.org](https://children.mdpc.org) to see our Sunday morning health and safety protocols. For The Galaxy elementary Sunday school, just text Galaxy F2F to the number 94000 so we know you are coming!



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).



**Sunday, April 11 • 10:45-11:10 AM • In-Person or via Zoom**

Learn more about **MDPC** and its ministries in this brief, informal meeting. No commitment required! [Click here](#) for more.



**Tuesday, April 13 • 7:00-9:00 PM • New Magnolia Brewing**

Topic at the next TOT is different ideas of atonement - did you know there *were* different ideas? [Click here](#) to get details about the *what*, *where*, and *how do I go* for April's edition of Theology On Tap.



**Wednesday, April 21 • 6:30-8:00 PM**

Join us at [The Well](#), our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages and life stages to commune and connect. Bring a friend as we hear Laura Miller, Brenda Vega, Suzanne Taccornelli, and Susan Starling share their stories of "new life."



Ladies, connect with God and connect with others this summer! With **day and evening, weekday and weekend events from May to August**, there's something for everyone. Learn more and sign up at [stc.mdpc.org](https://stc.mdpc.org).



Research shows certain marriage prep programs to be particularly effective at preventing divorce, lowering the risk by as much as 75%. [Married Life Prep](#) is approved by Twogether in Texas, and program graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! The next 4-week class **starts July 11**.



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.



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We begin a five-week post-Easter sermon series on *faith* and *doubt*. Over the last couple of years, several prominent Christian authors or musicians (Joshua Harris, Marty Sampson, Jon Steingard) have announced publicly that they had lost their faith. Of course, there could be several reasons for this deconstruction or falling away, and each situation is unique, but, with the announcements, came the idea of having questions or facing doubts about faith. The sense is if there are doubts, you can't have faith or be a believer. Is that correct? Can the church of Jesus Christ be a safe place where real people can bring their real questions about God and faith and life, and seek real answers together?

1. When you were growing up, what did your family and your “family of faith” (if you had one) teach you regarding *doubts*? Were they forbidden and antithetical to the faith? Were *doubts* part of the human condition and being a responsible student of life and faith? And/or could *doubts* even be avenues toward greater faith and faithfulness?
2. When was a time you had *doubts* about Jesus or Christianity or the church? On what did (or do) the doubts mostly center? Do you have any helpful advice regarding working through your different doubt categories successfully or are you stuck and wondering which way to turn?
3. Read [Matthew 28](#), the whole chapter, but especially verses 16-17. Also read [1 Cor. 13:12](#) and some verses before and after; and finally read [Jude 21-22](#) in the New International Version (NIV). Based on those readings and my comments in my sermon, is there a place for doubt in the Christian Faith? What were some verses or points in the message that resonated with you? Were there any things that troubled you? What were they and how might you get helpful resolutions?
4. How can your household and MDPC be a safe place to ask and work through doubts? What would it look like to “be merciful to those who doubt”? (Jude 22)

*Note: You might consider becoming a host or helper with one of our Alpha courses or in our growing partnership with Steiger International—each is a place where we take people's genuine questions seriously. Contact Evangelism Pastor Dan Aikins for more information at [daikins@mdpc.org](mailto:daikins@mdpc.org).*

