



Would you like to learn more about MDPC and its ministries? We invite you to attend an informal meeting where you'll hear about the vision and outreach of MDPC. No commitment required! This is a no-pressure opportunity to explore church membership and what it would mean to be part of our faith community.

**Sunday, January 26 | 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room**

↑ [membership.mdpc.org](http://membership.mdpc.org)

↓ [seniors.mdpc.org](http://seniors.mdpc.org)

Venturers Presents



## Houston Leaders & Traditions from 1836

Ambassador Chase Untermeyer's passion, other than his career as an international business consultant, concerns the founders of Houston. Were these people civic-minded or just motivated by profit?

**Monday, February 3**  
**Social Hour, followed by Dinner & Program, 6:00 PM**  
**Westchase Hilton (9999 Westheimer Road)**  
 RSVP by January 29 to Chuck and Linnie Edwards: 713-785-7115

↓ [cbgr.mdpc.org](http://cbgr.mdpc.org)



## THE 2ND ANNUAL CHILI, BBQ, GUMBO, & ROADKILL COOK OFF

**Saturday, February 1 | 2:00-6:00 PM**  
 Spring Valley Village City Park | Register at [cbgr.mdpc.org](http://cbgr.mdpc.org) (\$35 per team)

↓ [concerts.mdpc.org](http://concerts.mdpc.org)



## MDPC Concert Series

2013-2014

### ALFREDO ROLANDO ORTIZ

MDPC Worship and Music Ministries is pleased to introduce to Houston Cuban-born master of the South American harp, Alfredo Rolando Ortiz. With a multicultural repertoire of folk, classical, and popular music, Alfredo has performed all over the world and recorded over forty albums.

**Sunday, February 9 | 3:30 PM | Sanctuary**  
*This concert is presented free-of-charge.*

## MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

### Partner In Prayer Packet Pick-up

Are you excited to see who you're praying for this year? We're excited to show you!

**Pick up your packet today, or Sunday, January 26, between services.**

**Packets will be available in Caring Ministries beginning January 27.**

*For more information on what it means to be a Partner In Prayer: [pip.mdpc.org](http://pip.mdpc.org)*

*Contact Annette Erickson: [aerickson@mdpc.org](mailto:aerickson@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9544*

### Class for Parents of Confirmands Begins Today

If your child registered for Youth Confirmation, join us for Parents' Confirmation class, designed to help you support your children as they go through the Confirmation program.

**Sundays through February 9 | 11:15 AM | Room 102**

*Details and registration: [confirmation.mdpc.org](http://confirmation.mdpc.org)*

### SCUBA for Elementary Kids

SCUBA is a Bible Study for 3rd through 5th graders, who are seeking to learn more about the Bible and Jesus. Come and dive deeper into your faith!

**Wednesdays beginning January 22 | 6:30-7:30 PM | The Galaxy**

*Register: [children.mdpc.org](http://children.mdpc.org)*

### Elementary Pizza Parties

Come eat pizza and play games at a Pizza Party! Kindergarteners and first graders party in January; Pizza Parties for second through fifth graders come in February and April.

**K & 1st Grade: Sunday, January 26 | 12:30-2:00 PM | The Galaxy**

*Contact Mallory Moore: [mmoore@mdpc.org](mailto:mmoore@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9262*

### Joseph: The Forgotten Man of Christmas

This wonderful Christmas book about Joseph was written by Dr. Howard Edington in honor and memory of his and Trisha's son, John David.

**A limited supply is available for purchase at the Front Office (\$15).**

### Cookies for the Troops

It's that time again! We want to show our appreciation for the men and women in the armed forces and touch their hearts with a little taste of home. Whether you're a baker or not, we can use your help! Purchased cookies are just as appreciated.

**Thursday, January 30 | 8:30 AM-1:00 PM | CLC Room 170**

*Please bring cookies no later than 11:00 AM. You can drop them off, or stay and help make packages!*

### Fifth Service on Super Bowl Sunday

Fifth Service will be held at 3:00 PM on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Sunday, February 2 | 3:00 PM | Chapel**

### New Member Classes

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by the associate pastors and elders. The series includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners.

**Sundays, February 2-March 9 | Room 171-172 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM**

*Contact Diann Turet: [dturet@mdpc.org](mailto:dturet@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9553*

### A Very Special Dinner and a Marriage

**For Parents of Children with Special Needs**

Life is all about your children...make this night all about your marriage! We're hosting a romantic dinner for you and your spouse. We will focus on marriage encouragement and provide couples with the opportunity to reconnect through quality time together.

**Saturday, February 8 | 5:30-7:30 PM | \$15 per couple (includes dinner)**

*Registration closes February 5 at Noon: [register.mdpc.org](http://register.mdpc.org)*

*Childcare and dinner is provided for children with special needs age 14 and younger at no cost. Childcare and dinner is available for siblings 10 and younger: \$20 for one sibling, \$15 for two, \$40 for three or more.*

*Contact Karen Lopes with questions: [klopes@mdpc.org](mailto:klopes@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9265*



**MDPC**  
 Memorial Drive  
 Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, January 19, 2014**

# A Faith that Sings

A Sermon Series on  
 the Music of Our Faith

### When the Waters Are Deep

Hymn: *It is Well With My Soul*

1 Corinthians 13:13

Howard Edington Preaching



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\* Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

8:30 SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Forever He is Exalted	Chris Tomlin Twila Paris
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rick Myers
SONG OF PREPARATION	How Great is Our God	Tomlin/Reeves/Cash
OFFERTORY	Holy Spirit	B.Torwalt/K.Torwalt
MESSAGE	A Faith That Sings: <i>When the Waters are Deep</i>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	It is Well With My Soul	Spafford/Bliss

9:45 SERVICE

*SONG OF PRAISE	Your Love Never Fails	McClarney/Skinner
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Luke Gordon
*SONG OF RESPONSE	How Great is Our God	Tomlin/Reeves/Cash
BAPTISMS & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		Howard Edington
WELCOME		Dave Steane
OFFERTORY	Holy Spirit	B.Torwalt/K.Torwalt
MESSAGE	A Faith That Sings: <i>When the Waters are Deep</i>	Howard Edington
SONG OF RESPONSE	It is Well With My Soul	Spafford/Bliss

11:15 SERVICE

PRELUDE	Choral No. 1 in E Major	César Franck
WELCOME		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	Sing Unto the Lord	David Stanley York
*HYMN OF PRAISE #288	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	ELLACOMBE Vs. 1 & 2
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rick Myers
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	From 1 Corinthians 15 and Colossians 1	
ANTHEM	Even When God is Silent	Michael Horvit
BAPTISMS & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		Howard Edington
OFFERTORY	When Peace Like a River	Bliss/arr. Grotenhuis
MESSAGE	A Faith That Sings: <i>When the Waters are Deep</i>	Howard Edington
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	It is Well With My Soul	VILLE DU HAVRE Vs. 1, 2, & 3
POSTLUDE	Fantasy in G	J.S. Bach

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM   Chapel	fuentes.mdp.org
FIFTH SERVICE	5:00 PM   Chapel	fifthservice.mdp.org

SERMON NOTES



When the Waters Are Deep

Hymn: *It is Well With My Soul*  
1 Corinthians 13:13  
Howard Edington Preaching

Today we continue *A Faith That Sings*, a sermon series exploring some of the great hymns and songs of our faith. German Protestant Reformer Martin Luther once said, “I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor.” The power of music in Christian worship is both soul stirring and spirit lifting. God speaks personally and powerfully to His people through the singing of songs, which reaffirms His love and strengthens our faith.

At times, life can be harsh and painful. We all face challenges that cause us to examine our values, priorities, and faith. During these times, to whom do we turn? Upon what do we rely? Where is our source of comfort and hope? God has given us both scripture and song to remind us of His great and abiding love – especially during times of trial and trouble.

Horatio Spafford wrote the words to the hymn *It is Well with My Soul* after a series of catastrophic events in his life. He lost his fortune in the great Chicago fire of 1871. Later, he lost his four daughters when the ocean liner SS *Ville du Havre* collided with another sea vessel and rapidly sank to the bottom of the ocean. Yet, Spafford still was able to trust God, and expressed this trust in this beloved hymn.

- 1 Corinthians 13 often is referred to as the *love chapter* of the Bible. Take a moment to read the entire chapter. What things do you notice? Is there anything that strikes you as remarkable? Confusing? Encouraging?
- Throughout the chapter, *love* is exalted as being of more value than speech, prophecy, wisdom, faith, generosity, and sacrifice. In what ways do you find this to be true?
- The Greek word for love in this passage is *agape*. It is usually understood as an unconditional love; a sacrificial love; an unending love. It is the kind of love that God has for us. In what ways have you been loved by other people with this type of love? How have you loved others with *agape*?
- Verses 4-8 speak about love’s virtues. It is patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not prideful, not self-seeking, not easily angered, forgets wrongs, rejoices in truth, protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres, and never fails. Which of these do you find most compelling? In what ways is your faith affected knowing that love never fails?
- The key verse for today’s message is 1 Corinthians 13:13, *And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.* In what ways do you find love to be greater than the others? In what ways does love shape your response to trials and challenges in life?

Notes written by Executive Pastor Dave Steane

9:45 Baptisms

Conner Brantley DeLaat, son of Kevin and Kimberly DeLaat  
Caroline Rose Osteen, daughter of Bryan and Lacey Osteen  
Claire Elizabeth Osteen, daughter of Bryan and Lacey Osteen  
Drake Hartley Pawloski, son of Murray and Nicole Pawloski

11:15 Baptism

Luca Pezzia, son of Aldo and Lisa Pezzia

ABOUT MDPC

Coordinating Team

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Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:

**Amazing Place** is an interactive, affirming, state-of-the-art daytime wellness center designed for adults with mild to moderate memory loss. Their programs serve participants age 51 to 98 who suffer from Alzheimer’s or related dementia, and their caregiving families. [amazingplacehouston.org](http://amazingplacehouston.org)

**Austin College** is a private, co-educational college founded in 1849 in Sherman, Texas. Its mission is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences in order to prepare them for rewarding careers and full, engaged, and meaningful lives. [austincollege.edu](http://austincollege.edu)

**MDPC mission partners Chris and Jamie** moved to the Middle East in 2012 to work in community development and to share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their new neighbors. This young couple met in their mid-20s while serving in Iraq and Jordan. Please pray for Chris, Jamie, their two young children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they learn the language, and share His love and grace with everyone He places in their path.



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Please Pray

The Red Rose is in honor of these new additions:

- Addison René Smith was born January 1, 2014, to Will and Nicole Smith. She is the granddaughter of Virginia and Don Smith.
- Avery Woodie Cole was born January 8, 2014, to Lauren and Donald Cole. She is the granddaughter of Cathy and Carl Moerer and great-granddaughter of Lucy Cruce.

Births, Deaths, and Hospitalizations

Please notify Kakki Thompson in Caring Ministries of births to parents who are members, of member deaths, and of hospitalizations: [kthompson@mdpc.org](mailto:kthompson@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9541

Pastor Nominating Committee

Please pray for the committee and the congregation during this time of transition. Prayer cards are available at the Front Office. Visit [pnc.mdp.org](http://pnc.mdp.org) for updates on the committee’s progress.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 2014 budget is pending Session approval.



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