

The Greatest Love!

John 15:12-17 | Rick Myers preaching, with Mauricio Chacón

On this Memorial Day weekend, we are taking a look at the final lesson Jesus taught His disciples before facing the cross. We see them walking through the garden on the Mount of Olives and Jesus is teaching them, but He's also preparing them for what will happen in the next 24 hours. He's preparing them for the mission that we, as the Body of Christ continue today; to make disciples of all nations. As part of this final lesson, Jesus shares the commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you." He continues by saying that the greatest form of love is when a friend lays down his life for another. The obvious meaning of this is Jesus laying down His life for His disciples on the cross. Jesus demonstrated the greatest form of love in this manner.

The Christian life today is to be marked, first and foremost, by sacrificial love. Memorial Day reminds us of that fact! Many men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. They poured out their lives so that others might live more abundantly. It's that same kind of love that Jesus is talking about in our passage for this morning. Every time you look at a cross, you should be reminded of the price that was paid for you, and the call that Christ has placed upon us. This is His command: to love one another!

- **John 15:12-13** – The ancient criterion was the following: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The new criterion is: "Love one another as I have loved you...There's no greater love than to lay down one's life for another!" How have you experienced Jesus' sacrificial love in your own personal life? How does knowing Jesus' love and grace help you to extend love to others?
- **John 15:14-15** – You are my friends if you do what I command you", that is, if you practice love up to the point of the total gift of oneself! Would Jesus consider you one of His friends? Why or why not? How would you rate your obedience to Jesus on a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest)? What area of your life is holding you back from greater obedience?
- **John 15:16-17** – Jesus has chosen us. We have not chosen Jesus. He met us, called us and entrusted us with a mission to go out and bear fruit, a fruit that lasts. And that fruit is sacrificial love! Why does Jesus have to command us to love other believers? How important is fruit-bearing to Jesus? How does fruit-bearing relate to your purpose in life? In what areas of your life are you especially fruitful? How can you further submit your life to the Lord?

**Life Application:** What does it mean to love one another sacrificially? How can we love someone we are not drawn to? What role do feelings play in loving others? Would others around you characterize you as a loving Christian? What would your spouse say? What would your children say? What would your siblings say? What would your friends say? How can you more effectively express your love for these individuals?

El Más Grande Amor!

Juan 15:12-17 | Rick Myers predicara conjuntamente con Mauricio Chacón

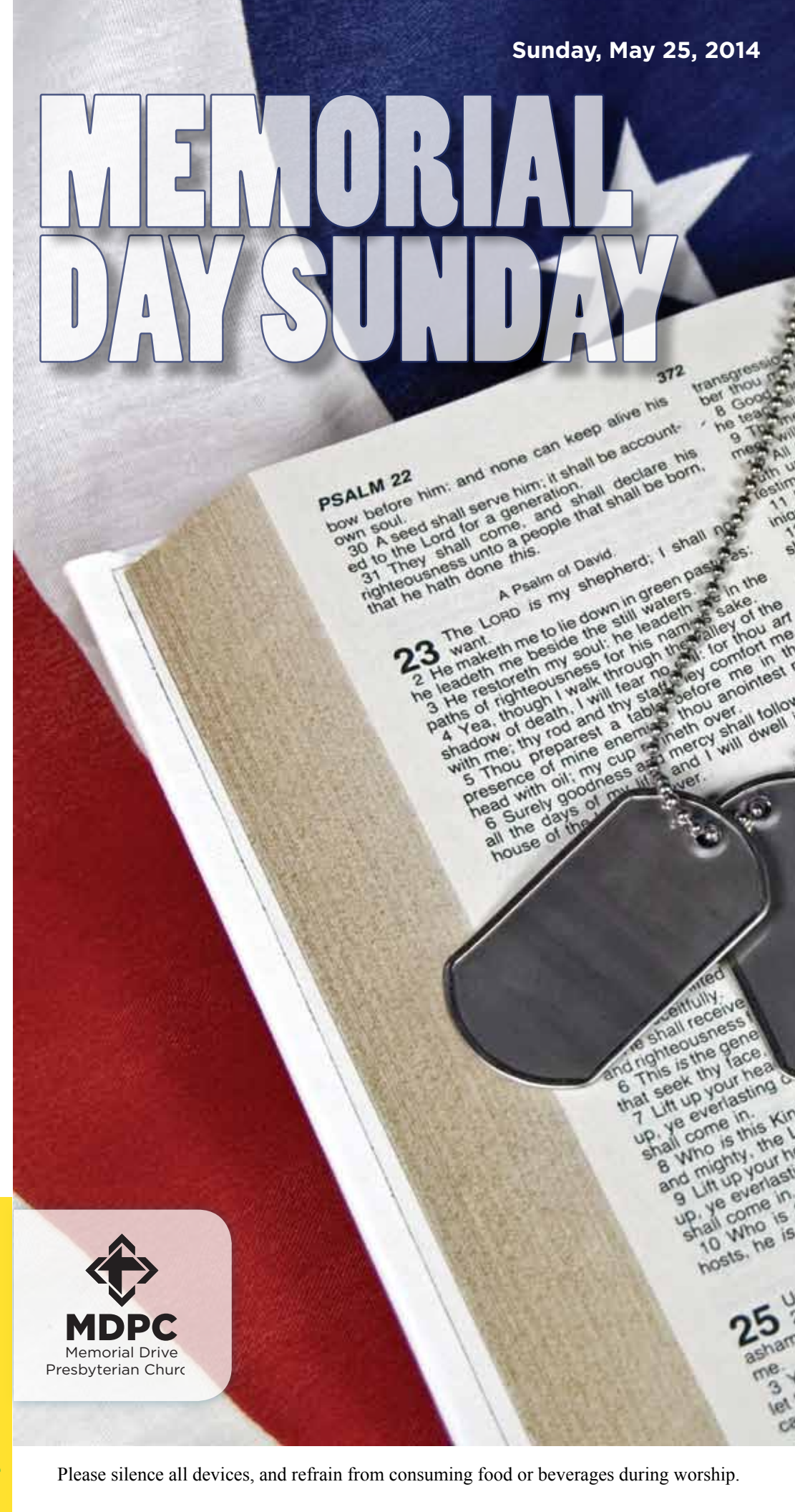
Este fin de semana de Memorial Day, estamos echando un vistazo a la última lección que Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos antes de enfrentarse a la Cruz. Los vemos caminando por el jardín en el Monte de los Olivos y a Jesús enseñándoles, pero también los está preparando para lo que sucederá en las próximas 24 horas. Él les estaba preparando para la misión que nosotros, como el Cuerpo de Cristo continuamos hoy; el hacer discípulos de todas las Naciones. Como parte de esta lección final, Jesús comparte el mandamiento de "Ámense los unos a los otros como yo los he amado." Continúa diciendo que la mayor forma de amar es cuando un amigo da su vida por otro. El significado obvio de esto es Jesús al dar su vida por sus discípulos en la Cruz. Jesús demostró la mayor forma de amor de esta manera.

La vida cristiana de hoy debe estar marcada, ante todo, por el amor sacrificial. ¡Memorial Day nos recuerda ese hecho! Muchos hombres y mujeres se sacrificaron por nuestra libertad. Vertieron sus vidas para que otros puedan vivir más abundantemente. Es el mismo tipo de amor que Jesús está hablando en nuestro pasaje de esta mañana. Cada vez que vea la cruz, usted debe recordar el precio que se pagó por usted, y el llamado que Cristo nos ha hecho a nosotros. Este es Su mandamiento: ¡Que nos amemos los unos a los otros!

- **Juan 15:12-13** – El antiguo criterio era el siguiente: "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo." El nuevo criterio es: "ámense los unos a los otros como yo los he amado... ¡No hay mayor amor que el dar la vida por otro! ¿Cómo ha experimentado el amor sacrificial de Jesús en su vida personal? ¿Cómo le ayuda el conocer el amor y la gracia de Jesús extender su amor a los demás?
- **Juan 15:14-15** – "Ustedes son mis amigos si hacen lo que yo os mando", ¿es decir, si practica el amor hasta el punto de darse a sí mismo! ¿Lo considera Jesús uno de sus amigos? ¿Por qué si o por qué no? ¿Cómo definiría su obediencia a Jesús en una escala del 1 al 10 (10 siendo el más alto)? ¿Qué área de su vida le está reteniendo a que tenga mayor obediencia?
- **Juan 15:16-17** – Jesús nos ha elegido. Nosotros no hemos elegido a Jesús. El vino a nosotros, nos llamó y nos confió la misión de salir y dar fruto, un fruto que perdure. ¡Y ese fruto es amor sacrificial! ¿Por qué Jesús nos da el mandamiento de amar a otros creyentes? ¿Cuán importante es para Jesús que demos fruto? ¿Cómo el dar frutos se relaciona con el propósito en su vida? ¿En qué áreas de su vida es más fructífero? ¿Cómo puede, aún más, someter su vida al Señor?

**Aplicación en Su Vida:** ¿Qué quiere decir amar uno al otro sacrificialmente? ¿Cómo podemos amar a alguien que no nos atrae? ¿Qué papel juegan los sentimientos en amar a los demás? ¿Le caracterizan otros a su alrededor como un cristiano amoroso? ¿Qué diría su cónyuge? ¿Qué dirían sus hijos? ¿Qué dirían sus hermanos? ¿Qué dirían sus amigos? ¿Cómo puedes expresar su amor por estos individuos más eficazmente?

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY



MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY LUNCH

Everyone Is Invited!

Join us for this very special Memorial Day Celebration, following today's 11:00 AM Service. We're having a delicious fiesta lunch, prepared by the award-winning chefs of the MDPC's 2013 and 2014 CBGR Cookoffs.

Today in Fellowship Hall  
\$5 per person, \$15 max per family



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



\*Please stand if able.

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11:00 BILINGUAL SERVICE

<b>GATHERING MUSIC</b> PRELUDIO	<i>When We Are Living</i> <i>Pues Si Vivimos</i>	SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
<b>WELCOME</b> BIENVENIDA		Rick Myers and/y Mauricio Chacón
*SONGS OF PRAISE *CANTOS DE ALABANZA	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> <i>¡Oh, Tu Fidelidad!</i>	FAITHFULNESS
	<i>Pues Si Vivimos</i> <i>When We Are Living</i>	SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON *ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN Y SEGURIDAD DEL PERDÓN		Mauricio Chacón
SOLO SOLO	<i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i> <i>Tú Has Venido a la Orilla</i>	PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
	James Rodriguez, soloist	
<b>GIFTS OF GRATITUDE</b> OFRENDAS DEL PUEBLO		Mauricio Chacón
<b>OFFERTORY</b> OFERTORIO	<i>We Fall Down</i> <i>Postrandonos</i>	Chris Tomlin
	James Rodriguez, soloist	
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	John 15:12-17 (NRSV)	Rick Myers
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<b>The Greatest Love!</b>	Rick Myers and/y Mauricio Chacón
<b>SONG OF RESPONSE</b> CANTO DE RESPUESTA	<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i> <i>O Hermoso para los Cielos Espaciosos</i>	
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION CARGOS Y BENDICIÓN		Rick Myers

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FIFTH SERVICE 5:00 PM | Chapel fifthservice.mdpc.org

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Edington is preaching today at MDPC's Mo-Ranch Family Weekend.

Congregational Meeting

We will have a Congregational Meeting for the purposes of electing the 2014-2015 Congregational Committee on Nominations and to elect an Elder to fill an unexpired term in Caring Ministries.

Sunday, June 1 | Following 9:45 AM Worship | Sanctuary

Columbarium and Prayer Garden Dedication

MDPC Executive Pastor Dave Steane and Rick Myers, Caring Ministries Associate Pastor, lead a dedication of the Columbarium. Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Room.

Sunday, June 8 | 10:50 AM (between 9:45 and 11:15 Services) | Columbarium

Celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day

On June 8, we honor individuals who have struggled through this battle. Cancer survivors and their families are invited to join us for refreshments.

Sunday, June 8 | Following the 8:30 and 9:45 AM Services | Gathering Room



Prayers for Our Military

Please pray for these men and women serving in the Armed Forces, at home and abroad.

Candice Alexander's nephew: Lt. Commander <b>Brian P. Alexander</b>   Navy	Barbara Mourglia's nephew: Staff Sergeant <b>Brandon Macken</b>   Air Force
Craig Behm's son-in-law: <b>Jeremy Fleming</b>   Marines	Maryann Munroe's grandnephew: Private <b>Perry Connor</b>   Marines
Dick Berry's grandson: Corporal <b>John Hird</b>   Marines	David and Shannon Perry's son: Air Craft Commander <b>Sean Perry</b>   Air Force
Naomi Black's son: Chaplain Lieutenant <b>Peter W. Dietz</b>   Navy	Deborah Pruitt's son-in-law: Major <b>Neil McMullin</b>   Marine Surgeon
Second Lt. <b>Mark Bressler</b>   Army Reserves	Don and Virginia Russell's grandson: Sergeant <b>Joseph Russell</b>   Army
Betsy Clark's grandson: <b>Christopher Lenze</b>   Marines	Brian and Tanya Schneider's nephew: <b>Holden Jenkins</b>   Army
Tom and M.A. Dunscombe's son-in-law: Commander <b>Stephen W. Burgher, MD</b>   Navy	Joe and Jean Simmons' grandsons: Specialist <b>William Bruce Berry</b>   Army PFC <b>Joseph Thomas Turner</b>   Marines
Paul and Susan Galvin's nephew: Major <b>Joseph Galvin</b>   Army	Jane Ann Smeck's son: <b>BUCA Cameron Freeman</b>   Navy
Bob and Carol Giles' daughter and son-in-law: Captain <b>Ellen Giles Jones</b>   Army Captain <b>Robert Willard Jones</b>   Army	Dave and Jenny Steane's son and daughter-in-law: PFC <b>Tyler Steane</b>   Army Private 2 <b>Kate Steane</b>   Army
Scott Gilley's brother: Captain <b>Stephen R. Gilley</b>   Marines	Harvey Trammell's nephew: <b>Shawn Blake</b>   Marines
Sergeant <b>Kyle Hinton</b>   Army	George and Dot Uthlaut's grandnephews: Major <b>David Uthlaut</b>   Army Captain <b>Chris Uthlaut</b>   Army
Alice Horn's nephew: First Lieutenant <b>Paul Early</b>   Marines	Alejandro and Raquel Vasquez's son Private <b>Alan Bejarano</b>   Army
Captain <b>James Howell</b>   Army	Bart and Barbara Westmoreland's family: Captain <b>Justin Westmoreland</b>   Air Force Captain <b>Nicole Westmoreland</b>   Air Force Lt. Commander <b>Andrew Cain</b>   Navy Major <b>Brian Deas</b>   Air Force
Bud and Janet Hughes' son: <b>Chase Hughes</b>   Navy	Ralph and Mary Wheeler's nephews: <b>Philip Newman</b>   Army <b>Andrew Wheeler</b>   National Guard
Sharon Johnson's son: Staff Sergeant <b>Richard Johnson III</b>   Army	Pauline Wolcott's grandson: ET3 <b>Robert Leeland</b>   Navy
Willie and Jody Jordan's grandnephew: Lieutenant <b>Josh Kash</b>   Navy	David Word's son: Captain <b>Andrew N. Word</b>   Army
Carolyn and Grant Judge, Jr.'s son-in-law: Chaplain Lieutenant <b>Jeffrey Quinn</b>   Marines	
Larry and Margaret Kelminson's son-in-law: Major General <b>Kevin Kennedy</b>	
Ken and Joe Ann Kingdon's son: Lt. Commander <b>Kenneth M. Kingdon</b>   Navy	
John and Kay Krebs' son: Lieutenant <b>Kory Krebs</b>   Navy	

An up-to-date list always is available at [military.mdpc.org](http://military.mdpc.org). We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors. Edits and additions may be sent to Eva Kaminski at [ekaminski@mdpc.org](mailto:ekaminski@mdpc.org).

Please notify us when you are blessed with the return home of your loved one.

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Ministry Partners

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

**Generation One** furthers the spiritual growth of at-risk youth and the rebuilding of their community, Houston's impoverished Third Ward. Its focus has expanded to include both educational and economic interventions, including an after-school program, summer camp, abstinence programs, and a community beautification project. [generationone.net](http://generationone.net)

**The Get Together** is a monthly networking luncheon where local ministries build relationships with business people. At the luncheons, ministry needs are discussed and attendees work together to find creative solutions. This allows those who are business-minded to use the skills God has gifted them with to further His kingdom. [thegettogether.org](http://thegettogether.org)

**Living Water International (LWI)**  
Nearly 90% of diseases in the world stem from unsafe drinking water. Pray that God would give people without access to clean water new hope as LWI drills water wells in their communities. Contact MDPC if you would like to join a mission team. [water.cc](http://water.cc)

**Community Life Center (CLC)**  
Amphitheater  
Gym  
Youth (The Loft)  
Adult Studies

**Chapel**  
8:30 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Adoración  
5:00 PM Fifth Service

**Ministry Center**  
Front Office  
Adult Studies  
Preschool (Ark)  
Elementary (Galaxy)  
Summit Room  
Fellowship Hall

**Sanctuary**  
Connection Center  
Gathering Room

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Praises & Prayers

- The White Rose is in memory of**
- Jack Reese, who passed away May 4, 2014.
  - Mark Hunker, who passed away May 16, 2014.

- The Red Rose is in honor of**
- Harrison William Seckinger, born May 12, 2014, to Jenny and Chris Seckinger. Harrison is the grandson of Diane and Tom Seckinger.

*Chancel flower dedications may be made for a \$50 contribution. Visit the Front Office to sign up for the Sunday of your choice (some exceptions apply). The roses honor births to parents who are MDPC members, and memorialize member deaths. Please notify us of these events in MDPC members' lives, and of member hospitalizations, by contacting Kakki Thompson: [kthompson@mdpc.org](mailto:kthompson@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9541*

**Senior Pastor Nominating Committee**  
Please pray for the committee and the congregation during this time of transition. Prayer cards are available at the Connection Center. Visit [pnc.mdpc.org](http://pnc.mdpc.org) for updates.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME	
2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 3,435,708
Actual Income to Date	\$ 3,335,180
Current Income Deficit	\$ 100,528



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