



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, May 31, 2026.

Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *My Jesus*

We Praise You

Announcements for Sunday 5/31/2026

Thanks for joining our Worship Service this Sunday

- **Construction of the Patio Cover** should begin soon. The contractors are working on putting it together, and there have been some delays in securing the County permit. An updated drawing has been submitted and we are waiting on the county (again!),
- **If you have any prayer requests**, please fill out a Connect Envelope and place it in the wooden offering box in the back. Also, during the week you can email requests at: PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org

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Adoration: *Great Are You Lord*

Selected Scriptures reading: *Psalm 91*

Security of the One Who Trusts in the Lord.

Message: *Psalm 91 Dwelling in the Secret Place*

Affirmation: *Can't Steal My Joy*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

PSALM 91

Security of the One Who Trusts in the Lord.

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust!"

3 For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper
And from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with His pinions,
And under His wings you may seek refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

5 You will not be afraid of the terror by night,
Or of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.

7 A thousand may fall at your side
And ten thousand at your right hand,
But it shall not approach you.

8 You will only look on with your eyes
And see the recompense of the wicked.

9 For you have made the Lord, my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place.

10 No evil will befall you,
Nor will any plague come near your tent.

11 For He will give His angels charge concerning you,
To guard you in all your ways.

12 They will bear you up in their hands,
That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread upon the lion and cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you will trample down.

14 "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him *securely* on high, because he has known My name.

15 "He will call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

16 "With a long life I will satisfy him
And let him see My salvation."

Devotional: Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without
wavering, for He who promised is faithful;"

Psalm 143; Theological Implications:

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Theological Implication</i>
Human Sinfulness	No one can stand righteous before God; salvation is by grace.
Spiritual Warfare	The righteous suffer real oppression; lament is faith.
Remembrance	Spiritual renewal begins with remembering God's works.
Divine Guidance	Sanctification requires God's teaching and the Spirit's leading.
Covenant Loyalty	God delivers His people for His name's sake.
Christological Fulfillment	Christ embodies the righteousness, deliverance, and guidance David seeks.

Psalm 143: The prayer that no one wants to need.

- Ps. 143: 1-2 The repentance of David.
- Ps. 143: 3-4 The reproach of David.
- Ps. 143: 5-6 The remembrance of David.
- Ps. 143: 7-12 The restoration of David.

Psalm 143: Takeaways

- This is a model and permission for an authentic prayer.
 - God is not surprised by our despair. God invites us to name it and bring it to Him. Pray without a mask.
- This is a model for an antidote to spiritual depression.
 - Remember the past faithfulness of God.
- This shows the two petitions of verse 10 (Teach me to do Your will, and Let your Good Spirit lead me") are two dimensions of Word-shaped, Spirit-led discipleship.
- Fight self-righteous pride with the truth that no living person is righteous on their own.
- Do a daily orientation around the experience of morning mercies. Begin with an intentional act of trust, submission, and expectation. "Lord, speak your lovingkindness over me today."
- In the midst of crisis, submit. Instinct is toward more control, striving, planning, self-protective action. Crisis is the classroom where dependence is learned.

Psalm 91 Security of the one who trusts in the Lord.

- Faith in a Powerful God (verses 1–2)
- Favor from a Protecting God (verses 3–13)
- Fellowship with a Personal God (verses 14–16)

Psalm 91:1-2 Faith in a powerful God

- Verse 1: Begins with a wisdom declaration: a certain kind of person whose life has been aligned with a habitual dwelling in the presence of God.
 - **Vs 1a: I dwell in the shelter of God.**
 - Dwell: Permanent resident, domicile, home.
 - Shelter: a hiding place, a secret chamber.
 - Where do you live? Not just in a crisis, but during the everyday experiences of life.
 - **Vs 1b: I rest in the shadow of God.**
 - Middle Eastern sun is scorching. Shadow is significant and life saving.
 - To be in the shadow of God means to be shielded by the overarching presence of God from the scorching heat of the trials of life.
 - To abide is to settle in for rest, a genuine peace in the deepest darkness.
- **Verse 2: He trusts in the protection of the Lord.**
 - **He is my Refuge.** Refuge is a place of shelter from the storm, a place to which one flees for safety. God is that refuge.
 - **He is my Fortress.** A fortress is an elevated, fortified stronghold for sustained defense. God fortified believers permanently.
 - **He is my God.** Personal. The creator of galaxies condescends to enter into a personal relationship with finite, fallen human beings.

Psalm 91:3-13 Favor from a protecting God.

- **Verse 3: God will save you.**
 - **Verse 3a: From the snare of the fowler** (hidden traps: dangers that are invisible, deceptive, subtle. You do not see the trap until it is too late, unless someone protects you from it).
 - **Verse 3b: From the deadly pestilence** (plagues, viruses, pandemics, life-threatening illness).
- **Verse 4a,b: God will shield you.**
 - **Verse 4a: With His feathers** (pinions are strong feathers of a bird's wing). The mother bird throws herself as a shield over her chicks when danger approaches.
 - **Verse 4b: Under His wings** (represents His covenantal covering, intimate protection, and His willingness to be our shelter with His person).
- **Verse 4c: God will safeguard you.**
 - **Verse 4c: Like a Shield** (large full body shield). Ephesians 6:16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
 - **Verse 4c: Like a bulwark** (small mobile shield or the wall of a fortification)
 - Together these two represent comprehensive military protection.

- **Verse 5-6: God will shelter you.**
 - **Verse 5a: Not to fear the terror by night.**
 - **Verse 5b: Not to fear the arrow by Day** (overt, visible attacks: hostile words, public opposition, direct threats). This can be literal (military danger) or figurative (verbal, social, or spiritual attack) and the sheltering protection of God covers them.
 - **Verse 6a: Not to fear the pestilence by night** (invisible biological threats: viruses, diseases, illnesses). Believers are sheltered by God, not immune.
 - **Verse 6b: Not to fear the plague at noon** (the spiritual attacks that come in the midst of prosperity, ease, and full daylight). These are the attacks of complacency, pride, spiritual laziness.
- **Verse 7-10: God will sustain you.**
 - **Verse 7: You will escape disaster** (the disaster that destroys many will not reach the one under the care of God).
 - **Verse 8: You will only observe disaster** (the believer will be a witness to the recompense of the wicked). The moral order of God will ultimately prevail.
 - **Verse 9-10: You will escape harm** (comprehensive promise, fulfilled in the promise of Revelation 21:4).
- **Verses 11-12: God will secure you.**
 - **Verse 11: His angels will protect you** (the disaster that destroys many will not reach the one under the care of God).
 - **Verse 12: His angels will lift you up** (intimate tender care of small everyday stumbles).
- **Verse 13: God will strengthen you.**
 - **Verse 13a: To tread upon the lion** (represents open ferocious opposition, attacks boldly without concealment). 1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
 - **Verse 13a: To tread upon the cobra** (subtle, venomous danger). This is the deceptive, whispering, slowly-poisoning attack of spiritual deception, false doctrine, and moral corruption.
 - **Verse 13b: To trample the great lion** (a lion in the prime of his strength; the most dangerous kind). Believers will have power over enemies at their most powerful and ferocious.
 - **Verse 13b: To trample the serpent.** [Hyperlink to serpent in garden and the prophecy spoken by God.](#)

Psalm 91:14-16 Fellowship with a personal God.

- **Verse 14: The believer enjoys a loving relationship with God.**

- **Verse 14a: The believer loves God** (deep passionate clinging devotion).
- **Verse 14b: God will rescue the believer** (“deliver” means to bring out safely, to cause escape; rescue from a siege, to be brought out from a place of danger to a place of safety).
- **Verse 14c: God will protect the believer** (to be inaccessibly high, in a place where enemies cannot reach). God elevate the one who loves Him above every threat.
- **Verse 14d: The believer acknowledges God** (to know is intimate, experiential knowledge of character and relationship). Abraham knew God’s name. Moses knew God’s name. This knowledge comes from a lifetime of walking with God, watching the faithfulness of God, resting in the character of God.
- **Verse 15-16: The believer enjoys a living relationship with God.**
 - **Verse 15a: The believer calls upon God** (a lifestyle of prayer that includes the habit to turning to God in every situation).
 - **Verse 15b: God will answer the believer** (The remarkable promise that God personally commits to answering). Jesus in John 14:14 “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.”
 - **Verse 15c: God will be with the believer in times of trouble** (God with us: Emmanuel).
 - **Verse 15d: God will deliver the believer** (bring out from danger to safety). God commits Himself to bringing His beloved through every trial.
 - **Verse 15d: God will honor the believer** (This is astounding! The God of glory, the Most High, the Almighty commits to honoring human beings).
 - **Verse 16a: God will satisfy the believer** (length of days means fullness of life; qualitative satisfaction, a life that is full meaningful, and complete). The ultimate “long life” is eternal life.
 - **Verse 16b: God will save the believer** (salvation = yeshuah, root from which the name “Yeshua” (Jesus) is derived). Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s plan for the believer’s ultimate salvation.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of every promise in Psalm 91!

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