



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, May 24, 2026.

Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *Confidence*

Glorious

Announcements for Sunday 5/24/2026

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.
- **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: *Chosen*

Selected Scriptures reading: Psalm 103

Praise for the LORD'S Mercies. A Psalm of David.

Message: *Psalm 103 The prayer what no one wants to need*

Affirmation: *Thrive*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

PSALM 143 Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance.

A Psalm of David.

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
Give ear to my supplications!
Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

2 And do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
For in Your sight no man living is righteous.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
He has crushed my life to the ground;
He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.

4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;
My heart is appalled within me.

5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all Your doings;
I muse on the work of Your hands.

6 I stretch out my hands to You;
My soul longs for You, as a parched land.

Selah.

7 Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails;
Do not hide Your face from me,
Or I will become like those who go down to the pit.

8 Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning;
For I trust in You;
Teach me the way in which I should walk;
For to You I lift up my soul.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
I take refuge in You.

10 Teach me to do Your will,
For You are my God;
Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

11 For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me.
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And in Your lovingkindness, cut off my enemies
And destroy all those who afflict my soul,
For I am Your servant.

Devotional: Hebrews 10:22, “let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

Psalm 103. Theological Implications:

<p>God is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sovereign. • Holy. • Compassionate. • Full of grace. • Patient. • Forgiving. • Omniscient. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God knows us. • Loving. • Eternal. 	<p>Sin is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iniquity. • Rebellion. • Miss the mark. <p>Forgiveness is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total. • Gracious. • Permanent. <p>Covenant. Believers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear Him. • Keep His covenant. 	<p>Humans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dust. • Mortal. • Transient. • Frail. <p>Angels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mighty in strength. • Perform God’s Word • Obey His voice • Do His will.
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PSALM 103: Bless the LORD O my soul

- Psalm 103:1-2 The rejoicing of praise.
- Psalm 103:3-19 The reasons for praise.
- Psalm 103:20-22 The reinforcement of praise.

Psalm 103: Takeaways for today:

- Forget none of His benefits vs. ingratitude rooted in forgetfulness.
 - Journal the faithfulness of God.
 - Celebrate past mercies of God.
- The depth of forgiveness challenges both:
 - The presumption of cheap grace (take forgiveness for granted).
 - The despair of those crushed by shame who believe they are beyond redemption.
 - There is no sin that the completed work of Christ does not cover. Forgiveness is not cheap.
- Humans are mortal (Is it fatal? Aren’t we all?).
 - The lovingkindness of God outlasts our aging, illnesses, and even death.
 - Christ is the guarantee that the love of God extends beyond the grave.
- God will vindicate the oppressed and those suffering.
- Worship starts personally (speaking to yourself) and expands out into corporately.

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 143:1-2 The repentance of David.

- The threefold petition (escalating):
 - Hear me.
 - Give ear to me (Father leaning toward a crying child).
 - Answer me (Focused attention wanting a response, not just a listening).
- David appeals to the righteousness and faithfulness of God.

Psalm 143:3-4 The reproach of David.

- Verse 3: The description of affliction:
- The threefold lament verbs (increasing severity):
 - Pursued
 - Crushed (ground to powder, completely demolished).
 - Dwell in darkness, existential: entombed, buried alive, relegated to the realm of the dead.
 - David's feels dead, His vitality, joy, access to the presence of God seems extinguished.
 - This previews what Christ would experience for us.
 - Crushed, forsaken, surrounded by darkness.
- Verse 4: The spiritual collapse;
 - Overwhelmed: wrapped, smothered, being pushed into the ground.
 - Appalled: devastation, desolation, astonished at one's own condition, standing in the ruins of his life, stunned by the destruction.

- David gives full voice to his despair. He has complete authenticity before God.
- God is honored by truthful dependency.

PSALM 143: 5-6 The remembrance of David.

- Verse 5: The discipline of memory, 3 verbs
 - Intentional, sustained, acts of recollection.
 - Actively, deliberately rehearsing the track record of God.
 - An antidote to despair: remembrance of past provision.
 - The God Who acted then is the God Who acts now.
- Verse 6: The Thirst of the soul
 - “parched land,” is an image of a man with arms outstretched, parched like a desert after a waterless summer.
 - Describes a spiritual and physical desperation.
- “Selah”: The pause. God does not rush past the longing of His people. The longing itself is a form of faith.

Psalm 143:7-12 The restoration of David.

- Verse 7: Urgency at the edge of the pit
 - The petition of David becomes urgent, desperate.
 - Feeling is “time is running out.”
 - “Pit” is a reference to Sheol (death, grave).
 - “Do not hide your face from me,” is covenant language.
 - Hiding is to withdraw favor, protection, and relationship.
- Verse 8: Morning mercy and submitted will.
 - Lovingkindness (chesed): Loyal love, steadfast commitment, covenant faithfulness.
 - Morning: night of suffering is not permanent.
 - Teach me the way: prayer of total submission.
 - Placing the navigation of his life, (surrendered, open, trusting) in the hands of God.
- Verse 9: The confession of sole refuge.
 - Hebrew: emphasis is on exclusive object of the trust of David. You and only you.
- Verse 10: The prayer for the Holy Spirit
 - OT reference to the role of the Holy Spirit in the sanctification of the believer.
 - To know and do the will of God.
 - Requires the work of God (His good Spirit).

- Level ground: clear obstacles of sin, confusion, fear and enemy assault so that he can walk in steady, faithful obedience.
- Verse 11: Revival for the sake of the Name.
 - Revival: be made alive, restored to full vitality.
 - This is the God-centered prayer.
 - The deliverance is the reputation of God.
 - This is not the righteousness that condemns but the righteousness that saves. This is resolved at the cross.
- Verse 12: Justice against the enemies.
 - Imprecatory prayer, prayer for divine judgment upon enemies.
 - God, defend Your servant, Your Name, Your covenant.
 - “I am your servant.”
 - Bookends the Psalm.
 - Identity. Relationship. Confidence in belonging to the Lord.

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.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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