



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, July 6, 2025

Please welcome the worship music team this week!

**Call to Worship: *Thrive*
*The Way***

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

Thanks for joining our Worship Service today.....

- **JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY THIS WED. JULY 9th at 6:00 P.M.** here in the Fellowship House. We're on Chapter 10 in the book of 1st Corinthians. A copy of the study is on the back table. You can also join **ONLINE** with **Zoom**. Go to our website to join in or give us your E-mail Address on a Connect Envelope and we'll send you a link. You can also contact the Church office at (925-354-1096) for more information.
- **THE SWIMMING POOL IS OPEN FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.** Hours are Between 10 A.M. – 7 P.M. Except Wed: 10 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. **Please contact the Office 925-354-1096 or Gary Van Buskirk to book a reservation. A signed Release of Liability form will be required.**
- **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**

Thank you for your Offerings.....

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Adoration: *O Come to the Altar*

Scripture reading: Selected verses

Message: Transformed by Citizenship.

Affirmation: *Soul on Fire*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Selected Scriptures: Transformed by the Kingdom of God

Hebrews 11:13-16 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

Colossians 1:13-14 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord.

"AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN;

And I will welcome you.

"And I will be a father to you,

And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,"

Says the Lord Almighty.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

2 Corinthians 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Friday Devotional: Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Transformed by Temptation

- **James 1:13-15** God does not tempt. Tempted; personal lust entices, births sin, brings death.
- **Hebrews 2:18** Jesus was tempted. Jesus can help.
- **Hebrews 4:15-16** Jesus was tempted. Jesus did not sin. Temptation is not sin. Pray for help.
- **1 John 2:15-16** The love for the world's system is contrary to the love for the father. The world uses the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life to derail the believer. It is what Satan used in the garden against Eve.
- **1 Peter 5:8-9** The devil is prowling. Resist the devil. Stand firm.

- **Galatians 5:16-17** To defeat the flesh, walk by the Spirit.
- **Ephesians 6:10-13** Use the strength of the Lord. Ours is a spiritual struggle, so we need the full armor of God.
- **1 Corinthians 10:13** God is faithful. God provides and escape. Look for it.
- **Luke 22:40; Matthew 26:41** Pray to avoid temptation.
- **James 4:7-8** Submit to God. Resist the devil. Draw near to God. Purify your hearts.
- **Romans 6:12-14** Use your body as a spiritual war weapon for God.
- **Psalms 119:11** Memorize the bible to sin less.
- **2 Timothy 2:22** Flee lusts. Pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace.
- **1 John 1:9** Confess our sins. God cleanses.

David: A cautionary Tale

- **2 Samuel 11:1** David should be with the troops. He sees something he ought not. He involves others. He acts on it. He creates a conspiracy to cover his tracks.
- Personal consequences.
- Family consequences.
- National consequences.
- Principle: Avoid the temptation, avoid the sin.
- Principle: Stay engaged in purposeful activities. Do productive and meaningful work.

Transformed by the kingdom of God

Philippians 3:20-21

- Citizenship is a legal term. Paul knew what it meant. The believer's ultimate identity and allegiance are in heaven, not on earth.
- Citizenship in heaven transforms us by reorienting our focus from "temporary" earthly concerns towards an eternal hope in the return of Jesus Christ and the promise of a glorified resurrection.
- That perspective is reflected when we do what is in Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Ephesians 2:19-22

- We were strangers and aliens, but we are now fellow citizens with all of the other saints.
- We are transformed because we are no longer outsiders, but we are adopted into the family of God. We belong to a spiritual community built on Christ.
- The believer's identity shifts from worldly affiliations (status) to being a child of God. This quickens faith in both the promise of eternity with God, but also purpose in the here and now.

Hebrews 11:13-16

- As believers, we are strangers and exiles here on earth. We long for the heavenly country.
- We are transformed as we act as if we are strangers and exiles on earth.

Colossians 1:13-14

- Though we may not have realized it, we were in the kingdom of darkness. When we became believers, we were transferred to the kingdom of Jesus Christ. That is the great transformation!

John 14:23-24

- Citizens of the Kingdom of God demonstrate their love for Christ through obedience to His teachings. This is how we show our love and devotion.
- That involves sacrificial choices and selfless living.

Galatians 5:22-23

- Citizens of the Kingdom think, believe, feel, and behave differently than citizens of this world. They demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

- Citizens of the Kingdom are called to holiness, which means separating themselves from sinful practices (thoughts, words, actions) and live as the children of God, reflecting their identity in His Kingdom.

Hebrews 12:1-2

- Citizens of Heaven are characterized by perseverance and endurance.
- Citizens of Heaven keep their focus on Jesus.
- Citizens of Heaven overcome obstacles through steadfast commitment.

2 Corinthians 5:20

- Believers represent the heavenly kingdom while living in this world (witnessing), and people of this world to heaven (intercessory prayer).
- Believers are to represent heaven's values (love, joy, peace, justice, mercy, grace, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, patience, holiness, etc.) while serving here on earth.

Theological Takeaways

- We are adopted into the family of God.
- We owe allegiance to the sovereignty of God.
- We are transformed by the Holy Spirit.
- We have an eternal hope and destiny.
- There is tension with our earthly citizenship.
- We are called to persevere.
- We are ambassadors.

Practical Takeaways

- Seek the will of God in decision-making.
- Live with Heaven's values.
- Love and serve others.
- Share the gospel.
- Practice generosity and stewardship.
- Engage in prayer and worship.
- Exercise faith as we endure trials.
- Defend the faith gently.

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

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