



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *Come Now is the Time to Worship*
Egypt

Announcements for Sunday 5/3/2026

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.
- **The Ladies** got together for Breakfast at the **Diggers Diner in Discovery Bay**
- **The Men** got together for Breakfast at the **Diggers Diner in Discovery Bay**
- **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: *Lord I Need You*

Selected Scriptures reading: Psalm 2; The Reign of the Lord's Anointed

Message: *Psalm 2 The Reign of the Lord's Anointed*

Affirmation: *Can't Steal My Joy*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Psalm 2 The Reign of the Lord's Anointed.

1 Why are the nations in an uproar

And the peoples devising a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth take their stand

And the rulers take counsel together

Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

3 "Let us tear their fetters apart

And cast away their cords from us!"

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs,

The Lord scoffs at them.

5 Then He will speak to them in His anger

And terrify them in His fury, saying,

6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King

Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord:

He said to Me, 'You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You.

8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,

And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron,

You shall shatter them like earthenware."

10 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;

Take warning, O judges of the earth.

11 Worship the Lord with reverence

And rejoice with trembling.

12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way,

For His wrath may soon be kindled.

How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Devotional: James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

Psalms (plucking strings), an introduction

- The intended purpose is to guide believers in the proper worship of God. Psalms have an intensely God-centered focus to direct our hearts toward him in every experience of life.
- Most quoted book from the Old Testament in the New Testament.
- Ancient Hebrew poetry is based on rhythm and parallelism.
- First line with an idea, reinforce in second line.
- Synonymous, Antithetical, Synthetic, Emblematic, Climactic, Chiastic.

5 Books:

- I. Psalms 1 (or 3) to 41
- II. Psalms 42-72
- III. Psalms 73-89
- IV. Psalms 90-106
- V. Psalms 107-150

• Types:

- Wisdom
- Royal
- Lament
- Imprecatory
- Thanksgiving
- Pilgrimage
- Enthronement

Psalm 1:1 The Path We Avoid.

1:1 How blessed is the man who does not **walk** in the **counsel** of the **wicked**,

Nor **stand** in the **path** of **sinners**,

Nor **sit** in the **seat** of **scoffers**!

- Blessed, how is the word used elsewhere?
 - Psalm 32:1-2, Psalm 34:8; Psalm 65:4, Psalm 89:15

- Forgiven, Refuge, Chosen, Satisfied, Walk in God's light
- Blessed means deeply happy, profoundly content in God, enjoying His favor fully and forever.
- Blessed is the person who delights in the law of the Lord. That person is not just doing the right things, that person is enjoying God and His Word.
- Triplets of triplets.
 - Walk, stand, sit. Counsel, path, seat. Wicked, Sinners, Scoffers.
 - Movement: from mild consideration to full involvement.
- Here is the summary:
 - **Walking in the counsel of the wicked** — listening to ungodly advice
 - **Standing in the path of sinners** — adopting their lifestyle
 - **Sitting in the seat of scoffers** — joining the hardened mockers of God
- This is a downward spiral: Influence -> Participation -> Identity.
- This is a warning: The loss of blessedness begins with listening to ungodly counsel, then lingering in sinful patterns, then settling into scoffing.

Psalm 1:2 The Practice We Adopt

1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.

- How does the Psalmist shift from the ungodly to the righteous?
 - Could have said:
 - Walks with the righteous,
 - Stands with the godly,
 - Sits with the gracious.
 - Instead: Delight in the law of the LORD.
 - Why? Because delight is the root of behavior.
 - If delight is sin: Walk, stand, sit in areas of sin.
 - If delight is in the instruction of God: walk, stand, sit in godly situations/ relationships.
 - Why? Because delight honors God more than duty.
 - Do out of duty -> honor authority. Do out of delight -> honor/ love God.
 - Duty shows submission. Delight shows treasure.

Psalm 1:3-6 The Promise We Receive

- Who are the wicked? The wicked lack substance, rootedness, endurance, life-giving value. They are driven, unstable, acted upon, not in control.
- Who rules the wind? They are blown away by the judgment of God.
- How do we prosper through death and suffering?
- Suffering works for our good.
- Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will have ultimate victory over death.
- What does it mean that everything that person does prospers?
- Everything that person thinks, says, and does, and every circumstance that is experienced is being worked for the good.
- That good can happen in spiritual ways, relational ways, emotional ways, material ways.
- Ultimately, that person will be rewarded by the Lord, and nothing will have been in vain.
- Our righteousness is imputed as a result of the completed work of Jesus Christ.
- Believers get righteousness as status = right standing before God, received by faith.
- Believers have righteousness as fruit = real growing obedience and uprightness produced by the grace of God.

Psalm 2:1-3 The rebellion of the rulers: Earth's perspective; the nations conspire

- Psalm 2:1-3 The rebellion of the earth, why the nations rage.
- The nations' rebellion against God and His Anointed is not merely a political phenomenon.
- It is the universal human condition of autonomy, the cry of every fallen heart that refuses the covenant authority of the Creator.
- How could any rational creature array itself against the Almighty?
- Just the culture then? People are people: sexual revolution, aggressive secularism, assault on religious liberty, redefinition of marriage are not sociological or political developments, they are spiritual ones.
- As if saying: We will not be governed. We will not be constrained. We refuse the fetters of your law.
- This should make us not angry. This should make us compassionate.
- Every generation builds its own Tower of Babel.

How can we apply Psalm 2:1-3?

- Reframe current events through the lens of Psalm 2. Not just, "What is happening?", but "What does this reveal about the spiritual condition of human beings apart from Christ?"
- Do you experience the commands of God as loving provisions and gracious wisdom or burdensome constraint? Ask God to write His law on your heart (Jeremiah 31:33).
- Pray about how to engage one person in your relational circle who is living out the rebellion of verse 3, with the compassion of someone who remembers their own prodigal season and knows the way home.

Psalm 2:1-3 What are reflection questions?

- Where do you see the "anthem of verse 3" - the rejection of the authority of God as oppressive constraint - most powerfully expressed in the culture around you (politics, entertainment, popular ethics, social media)?
- Can you identify an area in your own life where your heart has sung a personal version of verse 3, where you have experienced the commands of God as "fetters" rather than as gracious provision? How does the gospel address that skewed perspective of law as unreasonable constraint for you?
- How should the spiritual root of cultural rebellion (the rebellion of verse 3 is fundamentally against God, not just against Christian values) shape the way that Christians engage with culture with both conviction and compassion?

Psalm 2:4-6 The response of Heaven: God laughs and then speaks.

- The God of Psalm 2 is not reactive, anxious or threatened by human rebellion.
- God sits and reigns from heaven with absolute sovereignty.
- The ultimate answer of God to every conspiracy against His purpose is a declaration: His King is already installed.
- God laughs (not cruelty). Infinite omnipotence confronted with finite pretension.
- Then God expresses His anger, because His holiness I genuinely offended.
- Declaration: His King is installed. Ultimate fulfillment in light of the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:32-36 declares this, with Jesus at the right hand of the Father IS the installation of Psalm 2:6.
- No human conspiracy, no cultural rebellion, no political opposition can alter that reality.

How can we apply Psalm 2:4-6?

- Reframe current events through the lens of Psalm 2. Not just, "What is happening?", but "What does this reveal about the spiritual condition of human beings apart from Christ?"
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- Pray about how to engage one person in your relational circle who is living out the rebellion of verse 3, with the compassion of someone who remembers their own prodigal season and knows the way home.

Psalm 2:4-6 What are reflection questions?

- When you observe the apparent success of forces (culture, politics, social media, personal circumstances) opposed to the kingdom of God, how easily does the anxiety replace the peace of knowing that God sits in the heavens? What truths from Psalm 2:4-6 can anchor your soul in those moments?
- What is the difference between the anger of God (vs 5) and arbitrary cruelty? Why is divine wrath a necessary attribute of God for those that care about justice?
- The declaration “I have installed my King upon Zion” is a past-tense, completed action. How does the certainty of Christ’s current reign change the way that you pray, serve, give, and witness in a world that seems to be rejecting Him?

Psalm 2:7-9 The decree of the LORD: “You are my son.”

- The answers of God to the rebellion of the world is not merely declaration of His sovereignty; it is the revelation of His son.
- This is the theological seedbed from which the Christology of the New Testament grows: Jesus Christ is the unique, eternal Son of God, installed as King over all creation.
 - Acts 13:33 Paul applies it to the resurrection of Jesus, seeing in "today I have begotten you" the moment when the Father publicly and definitively declared Jesus to be the Son by raising Him from the dead.
 - Hebrews 1:5 — the author applies it to the exaltation of Christ above the angels, demonstrating that Jesus is Son in a sense that no angel has ever been;
 - Hebrews 5:5 — applied to Christ's priestly appointment, showing that the Son who rules also serves.
 - Matthew 3:17; at the baptism and transfiguration, Matthew 17:5 "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."
- The scope of the inheritance of the Son is universal, beyond the Kingdom of the David or even the Roman empire. Both the full authority and very ends of the earth is picked up by the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).
- Rod of iron shattering the earthenware speaks of the irresistible authority of the Messiah over every form of opposition. The imagery is picked up in Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15.
- The son has the authority to compel submission. However, before the judgment, there is always an invitation. The invitation for the kiss of invitation proceeds the last resort of the iron rod.

How can we apply Psalm 2:7-9?

- Suggestion: study Hebrews 1:1-14 as a New Testament commentary on Psalm 2:7. The author is using the sonship language to the superiority of Christ and present reign.
- Since all of the nations are the inheritance of Christ, is there a specific nation, or people group, or unreached community for which you can pray?
- Is there someone to whom you can “surely tell of the decree of the LORD?” Can you share the gospel (good news) of who Jesus is, what He has accomplished, and what authority Jesus holds?

Psalm 2:7-9 What are reflection questions?

- The New Testament applies Psalm 2:7 to at least 4 different moments (Resurrection, Exaltation, baptism, priestly appointment) in the ministry of Christ. What does the multidimensional fulfillment teach us about how the Old Testament prophetic word relates to its New Testament fulfillment?
- How can the certainty of the universal authority challenge our personal involvement in local and global evangelism?
- The contrast to the rod of iron (v.9 judgment) and the invitation to refuge (v.12 grace) reveals a God who is both just and merciful. How can you hold both of those two?

Psalm 2:10-12 The invitation of the Son: “Take refuge in Him.”

- This Psalm that opens with the fury of rebellion closes with the grace of invitation.
- The judge of all the earth is also the Refuge of all who come.

- The most wise thing any human being can do is to cease their rebellion and take shelter in the very son they have been conspiring against.
- Discernment: Act with wisdom, understand situations clearly, respond intelligently. This is not a taunt. This is wise counsel.
- “Take warning” is language of a father correcting a child he loves.
- The paradox of authentic Christian experience: fear and joy simultaneously. Reverence is deep holy awe at His majesty, His holiness. Joy is an overflowing gladness that the holy God has made a way of access: God has sent His Son, God has offered refuge.

How can we apply Psalm 2:10-12?

- Do homage to the Son. The wisest, most liberating thing a human being can ever do: stop fighting the King whose authority is unassailable, and instead to receive Him as Lord with a kiss of willing surrender.
- The urgency of verse 12 is real. There is a window of gracious invitation. There is a danger of presuming upon the patience of God. Today is the day of salvation.
- The final beatitude: “How blessed are those who take refuge in Him!”
 - The blessed person of Psalm 1 who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked is the same as the blessed person of Psalm 2 who takes refuge in the Son.
 - The two paths of Psalm 1 arrive at their destinations in Psalm 2: rebellion perishes; refuge is blessed.

Psalm 2:10-12 Reflection questions:

- In verse 12, the Psalm offers both a warning (wrath kindled) and welcome (take refuge in Him). Do you tend to emphasize one over the other? What will it take to have a more balanced proclamation?
- What does it mean for you personally to “rejoice with trembling” (v 11) to hold both reverence and joy in your worship?
- In what ways is your current experience of refuge in Christ producing the multiple happinesses of blessing that the Psalmist describes? Where does the experience of blessing feel distant? What might account for that distance?

Psalm 2 Invitation questions.

- **Invitation 1:** If you find yourself chafing against the authority of the Lord, experiencing His commands as burdensome constraints, come today and receive the grace of repentance.
- **Invitation 2:** If you have been living in anxiety about a world that seems out of control, and your personal peace, come today and let the sovereignty of verse 4 anchor your soul.
- **Invitation 3:** If you have heard the decree today, “You are my Son.” and you recognize in Jesus Christ in fulfillment of every Old Testament promise, the One Who has full authority, Whose inheritance includes the ends of the earth, come today and make His mission your mission.
- **Invitation 4:** If you are here today and you are not yet in Christ, if you have been outside the refuge, “Do homage to the Son.” Come to Him,” in surrender, in wisdom.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

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