



# Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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***Program for Sunday, January 11, 2026***

***Please welcome the worship music team this week!***

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

*Egypt*

**Welcome, announcements, and prayer:**

## **Announcements**

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

- **Bible Studies are temporarily postponed.** We will resume after the holidays. Please let Pastor Larry know if you have a preference on a day of the week you would like to meet.
- **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\*\*](mailto:PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org)

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**Adoration:** *Lord, I Need You*

**Selected Scripture reading:** Colossians

**Message:** *Our identity in Christ from Colossians*

**Affirmation:** *Can't Steal My Joy*

**Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues**

### ***Selected Scriptures:***

**Colossians 1:2** To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

**Colossians 1:12-14** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. 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.

**Colossians 1:22** yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach —

**Colossians 2:10** and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

**Colossians 2:12-13** having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

**Colossians 3:1** Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Colossians 3:3** For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**Colossians 3:12** So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

**Colossians 3:15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

**Friday Devotional: 2 Corinthians 5:6-8** “Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord — for we walk by faith, not by sight — we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”

Here are a few of reflection questions:

- What is my “waiting at the gate” revealing about my courage, confidence, and belief in the promises of God?
- If this world is not my home, and I am just passing through, am I spending my time, talents, and treasures into temporary things or eternal things? What is one way I can live more like a pilgrim rather than a settler?
- If walking by faith is obeying for the next step, when the path ahead is foggy, what is my response?

Thank you Jesus Christ, for using the apostle Paul to teach us to unhook so deeply from this world, and through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to more deeply place our hook of faith in You, and Your kingdom!

### **From Futility to Fullness: A New Walk.**

- *The gospel calls us out of a futile, darkened way of life into a renewed mind and a new self in Christ.*
- **Takeaways; See this everywhere:**
  - What world says is freedom is emptiness and bondage.
  - Consumerism: Retail therapy, buy more; scroll more, -> never satisfied.
  - Self centered success: climbing a ladder that does not reach eternal things.
  - Moral confusion: follow own heart, but hearts are darkened and hardened.

- **Takeaways:**
  - Are you content to know facts about Jesus, or are you actively doing the apprenticeship work (learning Him)?
  - Does truth for you start with Christ or do you decide what's true and see whether He fits?
- **Takeaways:**
  - This not behavior modification to earn the favor of God. It is living in alignment with what God has already done.
  - Am I walking like my old self (futility, darkness, impurity)?
  - Is there an old garment that God is asking me to lay aside?
  - Is there a new garment that God is calling me to put on this week?

### **From Futility to Fullness: A New Walk.**

- Our response: If we do not believe in Jesus:
  - Recognize the treadmill life: busy, but empty. Numb conscience. Feel far from God.
  - Jesus' invitation is not try harder, it is to learn from Him. Come to Him. He will give rest. He will give new life.
  - Turn from the futile walk. Entrust yourself to Jesus: His death for your wrongdoing. Let Jesus begin this renewal in you.
- Our response: If we do believe in Jesus:
  - In what area are you still wearing the old clothes
    - Speech? Media habits? Attitude? Selfishness?
  - What is one step for putting on the new self this week?
    - Confession? Habit to remove? Habit to add?

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 1:2, Colossians 2:10**

- Core truth: I am in Christ.
  - My location is not in my performance, my past, my heritage.
  - I can rest assured that my being in Christ is up to Him, not on my works.
  - My identity and worth are fixed in my union with Christ, not fluctuating success or failure.
- Confession: "My life is in Christ. I walk in Him."
- Action step: Walk dependently on Him in my daily choices, from my belonging, not my striving.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 1:2, Colossians 1:22**

- Core truth: I am holy (set aside for God by God).
  - I am already (but not yet) consecrated. I cannot earn holiness.
  - I can be grateful and joyful (not sour and glum).
  - Grow into who I already am (holy).
- Confession: "God has called me His holy one."
- Action step: Pursue purity and integrity consistent with what I already am (holy).

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 3:12**

- Core truth: I am chosen.
  - I am wanted and have been given a purpose.
  - I can feel secure.
  - The choice by God is based on grace, not my merit.
- Confession: "The Lord chose me for His purpose."
- Action step: Respond with humility and obedience. Treat other believers as also chosen.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 3:12**

- Core truth: I am beloved.
  - I am loved before I have achieved.
  - The love of God is a divine constant.
  - I can feel cherished because the love of God is the root of my worth.
- Confession: "I am the beloved of God in Christ."
- Action step: Express love to others from being loved, not looking for their approval.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 1:14**

- Core truth: I am redeemed.
  - I am freed by the blood of Christ.
  - I can be free from the shame of my past.
  - My former bondage to wrongdoing does not define me.
- Confession: "I am redeemed by Christ."
- Action step: I can live free of enslaving bad habits and I can tell others of the redemption available.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 1:14, Colossians 2:13**

- Core truth: I am forgiven.
  - I have complete cancellation of my debt of sin.
  - I can think mercifully towards myself and to others.
  - I can feel gratitude.
  - I can believe that forgiveness is final, not partial
- Confession: "I am forgiven by Christ."
- Action step: I can forgive others as I have been forgiven.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 2:13**

- Core truth: I am made alive in Christ.
  - I have a new spiritual existence with Christ.
  - My inner life is resurrected.
  - I can feel the vitality of an alive spiritual life, rather than deadness.
  - I already possess the resurrected life
- Confession: "I was dead; now I am alive in Christ."
- Action step: I can live with renewed purpose. I can engage in discipleship activity.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 2:10**

- Core truth: I am made complete in Christ.
  - I am lacking nothing in Christ.
  - I can think abundantly.
  - I can feel content and whole.
  - I believe the sufficiency of Christ meets my every need.
- Confession: "I am complete in Christ."
- Action step: I can resist both performance and legalism. I can minister to others from the fullness of Christ.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 3:3**

- Core truth: I am in God with Christ.
  - My life is securely concealed in God.
  - I can feel protected from condemnation.
  - I can feel safe and steady amid chaos.
  - I can believe my true identity is preserved by the power of God.

- Confession: “My life is hidden with Christ.”
- Action step: I can rest in security/ I can avoid image-driven living.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 2:12, Colossians 3:1**

- Core truth: I have been raised with Christ.
  - My resurrection identity is already active.
  - I can think heavenward.
  - I can feel hope and anticipation.
  - I can believe my newness of life is a current reality.
- Confession: “I have been raised with Christ.”
- Action step: I can pursue heavenly priorities and practice kingdom ethics.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 1:12**

- Core truth: I have an inheritance guaranteed by God.
  - I can think long term, not short term.
  - I can let my confidence that overrides my greed and fear.
  - I can believe God has already qualified me for eternal inheritance.
- Confession: “Thank you for Father for my inheritance.”
- Action step: I can practice gratitude and stewardship rather than anxiety about the future.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 1:13**

- Core truth: I have a new allegiance to Christ and His kingdom.
  - I can think of my citizenship in heaven under divine authority.
  - I can feel loyal and reverent awe to Christ my King.
  - I can believe the Kingdom of Christ defines my worldview.
- Confession: “Jesus is my King.”
- Action step: I can practice His kingdom values in ethics, service, and justice.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ; Colossians 3:15**

- Core truth: I have the peace of Christ.
  - I can think of the peace of Christ as a ruler, not a suggestion.
  - I can feel calm, settled, and reconciled.
  - I can believe that the peace of Christ is my calling and command center.
- Confession: “Let the peace of Christ rule in my heart.”
- Action step: I can respond to conflict with gentleness, cultivate unity, and gratitude.

### **Colossians: A New Identity in Christ;**

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

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