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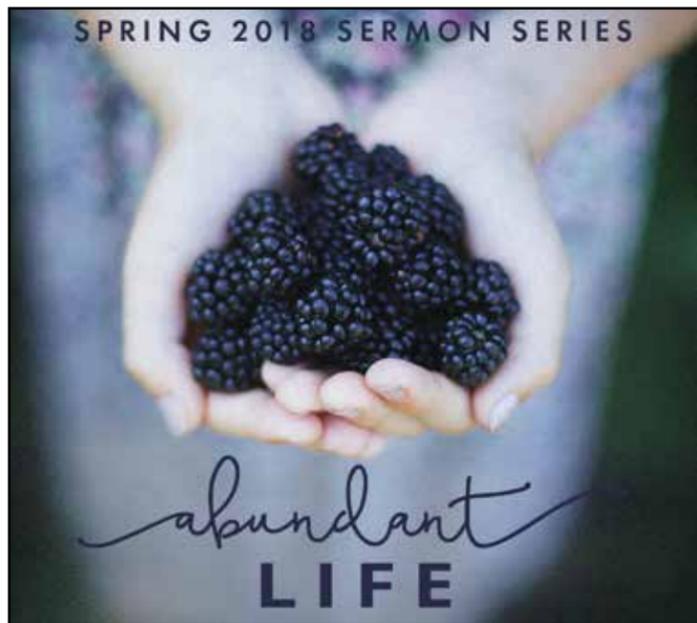
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April 15, 2018 9:30 am

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Please feel free to sit or stand
as we worship through song.

Welcome

#60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Who You Say I Am

Confession and Assurance of Pardon
Reckless Love

Time for Young Disciples

Pastoral Prayer

Offering - *For The Beauty Of The Earth*
Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

Scripture Reading - John 10:10-11

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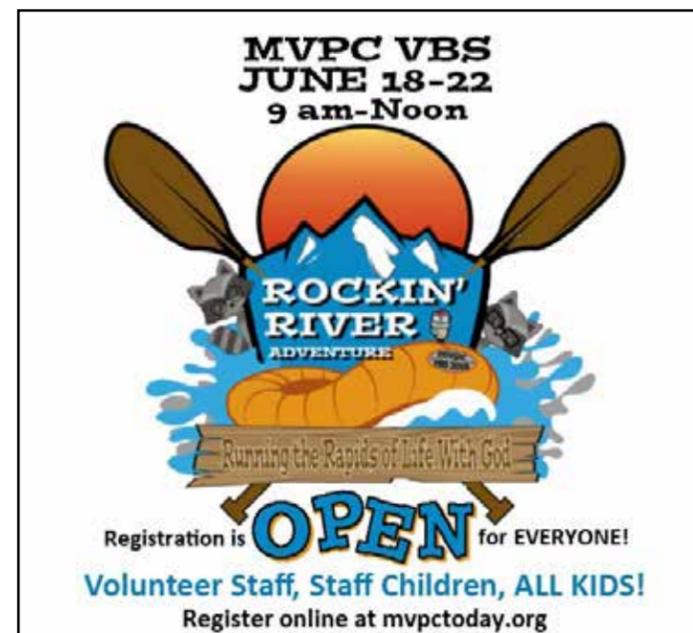
Forever

Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go

Blessing

Postlude - *Chopin Prelude in Gm, Op. 28, No. 22*

Need prayer this morning?
Come to one of the prayer corners at the front of the Sanctuary.



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TODAY

Family Ties, 11-11:45 am, April 15 – What does Jesus have to say about the issues keeping you up at night? Come explore what it looks like to follow Christ in the midst of shifting values. Led by Sam Fielder. Childcare provided. Next class: April 29.



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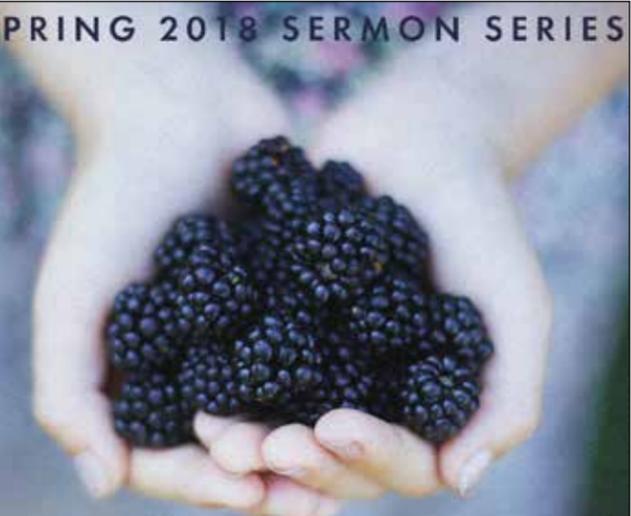
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Get ready to meet God.

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THE WORD

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OUR RESPONSE

COMMUNION

All who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior may participate
Please come to one of the stations whenever you are ready
Gluten-free bread is offered at the rear station

OFFERING

Please bring your gifts to the Lord to one of the
Offering Boxes at the front or rear

PRAYER

A member of our Prayer Team will be in the back
if you would like prayer

FELLOWSHIP

Join us for dinner on the patio!

Feedback, questions and thoughts: #mvpcthe5

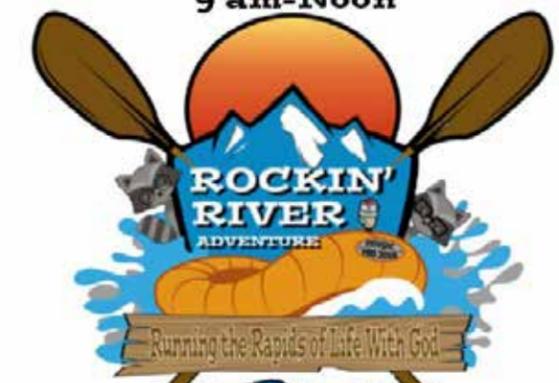


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For Moms, Grandmothers and Preschool & Kindergarten-age Daughters
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