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

Thank You Lord

Who You Say I Am

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

#669 *God Of Grace And God Of Glory*

Blessing and Sending of Children

Students and Children 1st - 8th grade may go to their classes

Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go

Offering - Stand In Your Love

Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

Scripture Reading: James 1:1-11

Message: "Facing Trouble"
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Celebration of The Lord's Supper

*O Lord, I Am Not Worthy
O Come To The Altar*

It Is Well With My Soul

Blessing

Postlude - Toccata in d by Buxtehude

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



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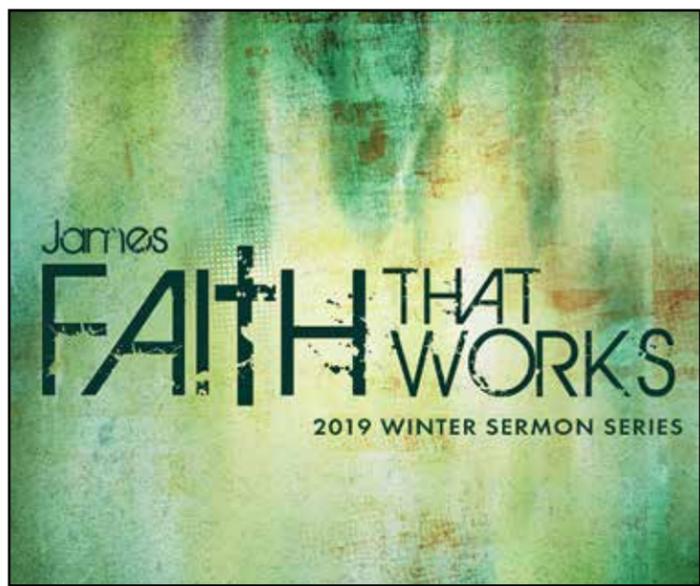
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GATHER to WORSHIP

Come as you are. Make yourself at home.
Get ready to meet God.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Visit mvpcitoday.org to learn
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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

Feedback, questions and thoughts: [#mvpcthe5](https://twitter.com/mvpcthe5)



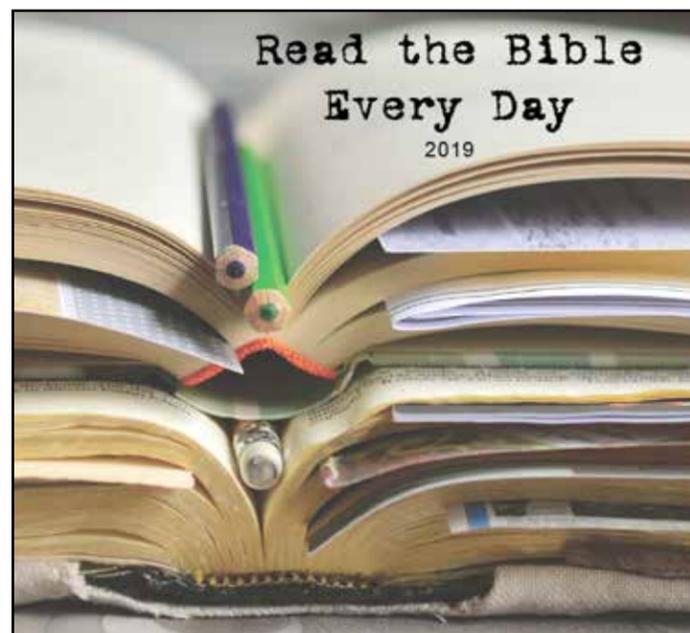
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