



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The King & His Kingdom

Morning Worship
Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost
July 28, 2024

Welcome!

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
And to whoever will come –

*This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

God Calls Us To Worship

Call to Worship - Psalm 47:6-7

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

Unison: **For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.**

We Respond To God's Call

Opening Hymn - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Trinity Hymnal #529

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning.
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme - "The Compassionate King"

Theme Verses - Matthew 14:13-16

Now when Jesus heard this, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

Hymn - "Feeding the Five Thousand"

Tune: Aurelia

Beyond Bethsaida's borders,
The weary Savior went,
To rest with His disciples,
Before the day was spent;
But eager people hastened,
The Son of Man to seek;
The poor and heavy laden
Desired to hear Him speak.

With patient love He taught them,
Till shadows fell apace,
But all the people hungered
In that far desert place.
His heart full of compassion;
"How many loaves have ye?"
He said to the disciples,
And bade them, "Go and see."

A little lad among them,
His loaves and fishes spared;
But Jesus blessed and brake them,
And all the bounty shared.
With only this provision,
Which Jesus blessed and brake,
They fed the hungry thousands,
That day, beside the lake.

Then bring your all to Jesus,
However poor and small;
Come, hasten now to bring it,

The "little lads" and all.
'Tis not the gifts we offer,
That help the world today,
But Jesus' blessing on them,
That sends them on their way.

We Confess Our Sins

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess our sins to You today. We confess first the sinful attitude of our hearts, the original sin which we have inherited from our forefather Adam and which is the seed of all our other sins. We confess our blindness of mind, hardness of heart, unbelief, rebelliousness, presumptuousness, lukewarmness, and spiritual barrenness. We acknowledge and confess that we are unworthy of Your mercy and that, on our own, we are truly deserving of Your judgment and wrath. Forgive us, Father, through the mercies of Your Son; enable us by Your Holy Spirit to draw near to Christ's throne of grace; and apply to us the benefits of His once-for-all atoning sacrifice. Amen.

Please take a moment to confess your individual sins to the Lord.

Assurance of Pardon - Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. You will be My people, and I will be your God.

Hymn - "The Power of the Cross"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men; torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

(Refrain)

This the pow'r of the cross,
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;

Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. **(Refrain)**

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head;
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
"Finished" the vict'ry cry. **(Refrain)**

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love. **(Refrain)**

This the pow'r of the cross,
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

We Profess Our Faith And Pray

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Greeting

Please greet those around you in the name of the resurrected Christ.

Hymn - "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Trinity Hymnal #146

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Throughout the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my All in all.

Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch mine eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We Receive God's Word

Reading God's Word - Matthew 14:13-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Understanding and Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Compassionate King"

Sermon Series: "The King & His Kingdom"

We Respond To God's Grace

Offertory Sentence - Romans 12:1

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Closing Hymn - "Psalm 20 - Now I Know"

May the Lord be your strength in days of trouble;
May His name be a shelter for your soul.
As in ancient days He spoke,
As He death and devil broke,
May His triumph your fate and future hold.

May the Lord from His dwelling place come near you,
Make His temple within and never leave.
He has paid for all your sin:
Jesus died and rose again,
And His blood does the Father now receive.

(Refrain)

Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed!
Now I know He will answer when I call:
Found within Christ my Savior and Messiah,
I will all His redeeming pow'r recall.

May the Lord be your hope and heart's desire;
May His goodness your every joy fulfill;
May He teach your lips to praise,
Raise the banner of the saved;
He has blessed you and stands to bless you still. **(Refrain)**

Some trust in horses,
Some in weapons shaped for war;
I will trust, I will trust in Your name.
My flesh may falter,
But Your power never fails;
I will rise, I will stand and proclaim: **(Refrain)**

God Sends Us Out With His Blessing

Blessing - Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

"**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**" Words by Charles Wesley, Music by John Zundel.
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Sermon Text

English Standard Version - Matthew 14:13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. 14 When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18 And He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

New International Version - Matthew 14:13-21

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed Him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them and healed their sick.

15 As evening approached, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

18 "Bring them here to Me," He said. 19 And He directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon Notes

Matthew 14:13-21

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Compassionate King"

Sermon Series: "The King & His Kingdom"

The compassion of Christ the King (vv 13-14)

The power of Christ the King (vv 15-21)

Christ foreshadowed in the Old Testament (Exodus 16)

Next Sunday's Sermon Text: Matthew 14:22-36

Church Life Notes

Today - July 28, 2024

1. **Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost:** This morning, as always, we gather to worship God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We will share fellowship and reflect on what the Scriptures teach us about the compassion and power of Christ.
2. **Serving Today:** Our scheduled Liturgy Leader is Paul Hartgrove. Our scheduled Prayer Leader is Will Grover.
3. **Giving Online:** To access our secure online giving portal, you may use the QR code on the back of the bulletin.
4. **MPC Youth Ministry:** Our large group meeting for middle and high school youth will meet tonight from 6:00-8:00pm at the church. If any youth are interested in singing or playing an instrument in youth group, join us at the church at 5:15pm.

Upcoming Activities & Events

5. **Holy Communion Services:** We are planning to celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday, August 11. Please note Communion in September is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 (third Sunday, not second).
6. **MPC Children's & Youth Sunday School:** MPC's Sunday School for Children & Youth is scheduled to start again on Sunday, September 8.
7. **MPC Adult Sunday School:** Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am. All ages. Classes are scheduled every Sunday through the summer. James Woods is teaching a series on the Gospel of John. Will Grover is slated to continue Isaiah, starting Sunday, September 8.
8. **Summer Youth Group Activities:** All youth are invited to join our Wednesday night hangout at the church from 6:00-8:00pm.

News & Needs

9. **MPC Administrative Assistant Vacation:** Laura Stites will be away this week, July 29 - August 2, for a well-deserved break with her family. While she's away, Pastor Bill will be in and out of the office all week, so please call 972-394-1122 x 104 to make an appointment.
10. **Life Change:** This month's Life Change collection will support David & Kelly Rogers' work with MTW in Uganda. After 25 years as a pastor (most recently at Town North PCA in Richardson), David seeks to serve the next generation of Presbyterian pastors in East Africa.
11. **MPC Called Session Meeting:** On Thursday, August 1, at 6:30pm, MPC Elders and Deacons are invited to the Bajemas' for dinner and prayerful discussion about MPC's Philosophy of Ministry.
12. **Finance Update:** Church giving last week totaled \$10,410. We have not yet finished planning for the new fiscal year, so weekly goal, actual giving to-date, and projected giving to-date are not yet available.

High Fives & Thanks

13. **College Intern:** Huge thanks to Rohan Patel who has been working one day a week as a volunteer at the church. This week he attended several meetings with Pastor Bill, worked on Realm, tidied up the sanctuary, and did an inventory of pew Bibles and hymnals. He also joined the staff for a time of prayer for our church and the world.

Prayer Requests

14. For The World:

- **Those in Positions of Authority** - For God to grant wisdom to Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Donald Trump, and J.D. Vance, and to the leaders of all nations.
- **Everyone Involved in Upcoming Elections** - For God to give every citizen wisdom, discernment, and a Christ-like spirit as we participate in our republic's political process.
- **Armed Conflicts** - For God's mercy on the suffering people in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Yemen, Iran, and Haiti.

15. For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:

- **MPC Youth** - For our junior and senior high school students, that God will help each of them to grow in Christ.
- **Church Finances** - For God's provision in 2024-25, with thanks for His generous provision in 2023-24.

16. For One Another:

- **All Married Couples** - For God's blessing and direction.
- **Those Vacationing** - For God to grant traveling mercies to all those enjoying summer vacations.
- **Expecting Couples** - For God's blessing on Dorian & Joseph Marble (due October 4), Rachele & Ben Fant (due September 6), Olivia & Avery Berg (due September 5), Maurane & Colton Huckaby (due October 9), and Hope & Daniel Greisser (due December 4).
- **Health & Relationships** - For God's blessing on Yvonne Alford (Bill Lovell's friend), Connie Bielefeld (Margaret Marrs' grandmother), Linda Bull (Scott Marrs' friend), Steve Collinworth, Gary Collum (Paul Hartgrove's friend), family of Victor Cornish (Karen Woods' brother), Nikki & Stephen Grzybowski and newborn Sophie Lauren (born July 13), Suzanne Larsen, Ruth Lerner (Elinor Hites' sister), Cherry Leslie, Ariel Lopez, Ashley Marble, Alana Marion, Mike Marion, Tom Mayfield, Kristen Novak (Steve & Liz Wallin's daughter), Chip Sayers, David Wamsley, Rose Whitlock (Hartgroves' in-law), Lori Winn, Norm Winn, and Sam & Josh Wyman and newborn Emma Joy (born July 11).

Welcome to Metrocrest! Please take a few moments to leave your contact information with Pastor Bill or a member of the Welcome Team. We would love to know that you worshiped with us today.



How can we pray for you? MPC is a praying church! You can share your prayer requests with us by (1) using one of the cards found in the lobby; or (2) pointing your smartphone camera at this QR code to access a digital card. Please indicate whether your request is private or public. You may also request to pray with an Elder.

Do you want to make a donation? To fund MPC's mission and ministry, we depend on God's provision through you. If you'd like to make a donation this morning, you can do so by (1) placing it in the collection basket during the Offertory; or (2) pointing your smartphone camera at this QR code to access our secure online giving portal.



Thank you for your financial support! At MPC, we attempt to use every penny you entrust to us for gospel purposes. We also aim for financial transparency—see Finance Update inside. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact our Treasurer Will Grover (treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org).



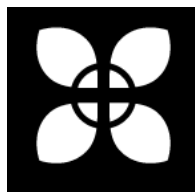
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