



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The King
& His
Kingdom**

**Morning Worship
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
July 2, 2023**

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

Welcome

Call to Worship - 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Leader: As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,

Unison: But on God, Who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

Leader: They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future,

Unison: So that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

We Celebrate The Resurrection

“Be Thou My Vision”

Trinity Hymnal #642

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower;
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme - "Our Treasure in Heaven"

Theme Verse - Matthew 6:17

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"Restless Until I Rest in You"

How many idols have I held,
Adoring, lifeless in my hands –
What wayward hymns my lips have spelled,
To feel the love my soul demands.
This longing heart, these restless fists,
Unsatisfied by loves untrue,
In jealous searching still persist –
Restless until they rest in You.

My great desire, may it be,
Not wealth that dims and with me dies;
No good from all my work I see,
A treasure fading from my eyes.
In living waters, endless streams,
Blossoming in this desert place,
Sustain the heart that fondly dreams
In glory to behold Your face.

That glory, can this world obscure?
And can I in my wand'ring leave?
Sorrow for sin I still endure,
And wonder whether You forgive.
I long to know those blood-washed stains.
I long to see these heavens new.
I know a Sabbath still remains;
Restless until I rest in You.

We Confess Our Sins

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that, by the power of Your Spirit, we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and confession.

Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 10:15-17

Leader: The Holy Spirit bears witness to us; This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds; I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

Unison: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

"Come Ye Sinners"

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able,
He is willing, doubt no more;
He is able, He is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy;
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call;
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam;
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good;
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Can do helpless sinners good.

We Profess Our Faith

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

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Trinity Hymnal #334

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Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with Thine,
To do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Till I am wholly Thine;
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

Prayer of Intercession

Special Thanksgiving to God for His Blessings on Our Nation

Special Prayer to God for His Mercy on Our Nation

We Reflect On God's Word

Reading God's Word - Matthew 6:19-24

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Understanding and Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

"Treasure in Heaven"

Sermon Series - "The King & His Kingdom"

Sermons can be listened to, or downloaded, through our website

We Respond To God's Grace

Offertory Sentence

Giving to Support Gospel Ministry

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day.
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

(Refrain)

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the Promised Land.

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more. **(Refrain)**

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest? **(Refrain)**

We Are Commissioned With God's Blessing

Closing Blessing - 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Postlude and Meditation

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Sermon Text

English Standard Version - Matthew 6:19-24

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.[b]

[a] Matthew 6:19 Or *worm*; also verse 20

[b] Matthew 6:24 Greek *mammon*, a Semitic word for money or possessions

Greek New Testament - Matthew 6:19-24

19 Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου σὴς καὶ βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσουσιν καὶ κλέπτουσιν: 20 θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σὴς οὔτε βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσουσιν οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν: 21 ὅπου γὰρ ἔστιν ὁ θησαυρός σου, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδίᾳ σου. 22 Ὁ λύχνος τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν ὁ ὀφθαλμός. ἐὰν οὖν ᾗ ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου ἀπλοῦς, ὅλον τὸ σῶμά σου φωτεινὸν ἔσται: 23 ἐὰν δὲ ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου πονηρὸς ᾗ, ὅλον τὸ σῶμά σου σκοτεινὸν ἔσται. εἰ οὖν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἐν σοὶ σκότος ἐστίν, τὸ σκότος πόσον. 24 Οὐδεὶς δύναται δυοὶ κυρίοις δουλεύειν: ἢ γὰρ τὸν ἓνα μισήσει καὶ τὸν ἕτερον ἀγαπήσει, ἢ ἐνὸς ἀνθέξεται καὶ τοῦ ἑτέρου καταφρονήσει: οὐ δύνασθε θεῶ δουλεύειν καὶ μαμωνᾶ.

Sermon Notes

Matthew 6:19-24

Pastor Bill Lovell

"Treasure in Heaven"

Church Life Notes

Today

1. **Happy Sixth Sunday of Pentecost!** For the next several months, between now and Advent, we will be reflecting on "The King & His Kingdom."
2. **Happy of Fourth of July:** This week, let us thank God for His blessings on our country over the past 247 years and ask for His mercy on us in these crazy and complicated times.
3. **Serving Today:** The scheduled Liturgy Leader this morning is James Woods. The scheduled Prayer Leader is Will Grover.
4. **MPC Youth Ministry:** There will be no youth group activities this evening, as we're recovering from our service week.

Upcoming Activities & Events

5. **Ladies Night Out:** Please join us for our next Ladies' Hang Out on Wednesday, July 12, at 7pm at Twisted Root Burger Company (1111 S Main St. #1210, Carrollton, TX 75006). Come out for food, fun, fellowship.
6. **Acts 2:46 Suppers:** All members of MPC aged 18 and above are invited to participate in our next round of Acts 2:46 Suppers, scheduled for two nights, Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, at 6:00pm in host homes. Sign up sheets are available in the lobby.
7. **Vacation Bible School:** MPC has been invited by The Blessing Church to participate in their upcoming VBS, July 18-20, from 6:30-8:30pm here in our building. Using a curriculum published by Concordia, an evangelical Lutheran publishing company, the theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness!" Registration is \$35. Further info can be found in the Lobby.
8. **ESL at Metrocrest:** MPC is exploring the possibility of starting an ESL program at Metrocrest. If you're interested in finding out more, please attend an informational meeting next Sunday, July 9, at 1pm in Room D-03.
9. **Sunday School at Metrocrest:** We offer discipleship opportunities for all ages:
 - **Children** - on break, restarting in the fall
 - **Youth** - on break, restarting in the fall
 - **Adults** - 9-10am, through the summer. Will Grover is leading a highly interactive class on the book of Job.

News & Needs

10. **New Pianist:** We are thrilled to announce that Caleb Esmond has accepted our invitation to join the MPC music team as pianist. A

native of Macon, Georgia, Caleb is beginning his Doctoral studies in Musical Arts at UNT. He and his wife Madeleine will be moving to Denton in a few weeks. They're expecting in January! Please pray for Caleb and Madeleine.

11. **Office Schedule:** During the summer, Administrative Assistant Laura Stites is working in the office on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. She works remotely on Tuesday and Wednesday, with the church phones forwarded to her cell. If you need to see Pastor Bill, he is in and out during the week, so please call the church office before visiting.
12. **Men's Book Group:** Please visit Realm to view our Men's Mission Statement and for details on how to make a recommendation on a book for us to read together this fall. If you have questions, please contact Paul Hartgrove (paul.hartgrove@gmail.com) or Christian Stewart (c.r.stewart1993@gmail.com). We're looking forward to having many of you join us this fall.
13. **New Fiscal Year:** MPC's fiscal year runs July 1-June 30, so we started a new budget cycle yesterday. With the new fiscal year, we have modified the info provided each week on the back cover of the bulletin. You will also find a new QR code to access our secure online giving portal. For additional details on giving and our planned 2023-2024 budget, please reach out to our Treasurer Will Grover at treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org.

High Fives & Thanks

14. **Youth Service Week:** Huge thanks to all our youth who participated in this past week's special program; to parents (and others) who provided food, refreshments, transportation, yard care equipment, and lots and lots of encouragement; and to hard-working Youth Director Joseph Marble, along with volunteer assistants, Camma Smith, Jessie Camp, and Intern Colton Huckaby.

Prayer Requests

15. **For Our Community:**
 - **The USA** - For God to bless our nation with revival and repentance.
16. **For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:**
 - **Budget** - For God's provision for the work of MPC.
 - **New Pianist** - For God's blessing on our new pianist Caleb Esmond as he joins our church music team.
 - **ESL** - For God's leading as we explore launching a program at MPC.
17. **For One Another:**
 - **Norm & Lori Winn** - For Norm as he continues to recover from surgery that removed a bullet and for Lori as she begins the transplant process.

Welcome to Metrocrest! Please click [here](#) to fill out our welcome card. We would love to know that you worshipped with us today and share more about our church.



How can we pray for you? Metrocrest 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 aim for financial transparency. Beginning next week, at the start of our new fiscal year (July-June), you can watch this space for updated information on weekly giving, weekly giving goals, actual giving-to-date, and projected giving-to-date. You can direct further financial questions and comments to MPC's Treasurer Will Grover at treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org.



Let's get connected! MPC uses an app called Realm to allow you to update your personal information, communicate with groups and teams, follow church announcements, look up members, manage online giving, and join events. To get started, contact us through the church office at info@metrocrestchurch.org, and we will help you get on your way!

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