



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



June 13, 2021

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

Responsive Call to Worship from Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Unison: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.

Unison: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

Unison: Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Leader: For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;

Unison: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

We Celebrate The Resurrection

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Trinity Hymnal #32

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme

Called to be Servants

Theme Verses

But Jesus called them to Him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:25-28

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross;
Love so amazing! Love so amazing!

(Refrain)

Jesus Messiah, name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah; Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn;
Love so amazing! Love so amazing! **(Refrain)**

All our hope is in You. All our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God; the Light of the world. **(Refrain)**

We Confess Our Sins

Prayer of Confession

Unison: O God, our loving Father, we confess that we have not acted in accordance with who You have declared us to be. Though You have called us Sons, we have acted like slaves to worldly desires. Though You have called us heirs, we have sought a treasure that is passing away. Forgive us, O Lord, and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in newness of life, glorifying You and fully enjoying Your presence.

Silence is kept for personal reflection and confession.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Based on Eph. 2:4-5

Leader: Hear the good news! God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

Know that if you are a believer in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Unison: **Thanks be to God.**

Lord's Prayer

Unison: **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.**

“A Peace Unseen, Unknown”

A peace unseen, unknown,
Through countless troubles sought,
In Christ is found alone,
By His own sorrows bought;
What remedies this world proffers,
Though they be sweet and bright,
Bring not the rest His blood confers,
Nor bid the soul alight.

In anxious hours long,
In worry's firm embrace,
My fears, turned fast to song,
Shall celebrate His grace.
Though tears should flow in violent streams,
As ever they shall cease:
In midnight's black my Savior beams,
And fears their hold release.

Lord, bear me to the end,
Unslowed and unashamed;
My falt'ring steps defend,
To Your own glory aimed.
No crown I seek of victory
Whose splendor soon shall cease,
But that of love beyond degree:
Your grace, O God, Your peace.

Affirmation of Faith from Heidelberg Catechism, Q+A 124

Leader:

What is the third petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Unison:

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. That is: Grant that we and all men may deny our own will, and without any murmuring obey your will, for it alone is good. Grant also that everyone may carry out the duties of his office and calling as willing and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

"Hosanna"

I see the King of glory coming in on clouds with fire.
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin.
The people sing, the people sing.

(Refrain)

Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith. With selfless faith.
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek.
We're on our knees, we're on our knees. **(Refrain)**

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like You have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks Yours,
Everything I am, for Your Kingdom's cause,
As I walk from earth into eternity. **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Intercession – MPC Elder – Bill Camp

We Reflect On God's Word

Reading God's Word – Acts 21:1-16

Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Problem of Suffering Leadership"

Sermons can be listened to, or downloaded, through our web site

We Celebrate The Leaders Whom God Provides

Convening the Meeting

Vows Taken by the Officers

Pastor: Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Officers: I do.

Pastor: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Officers: I do.

Pastor: Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

Officers: I do.

Pastor: (To the ruling elder) Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?

RE: I do.

Pastor: (To the deacons) Do you accept the office of deacons in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?

Deacons: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

Officers: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Officers: I do.

Vow Taken by the Congregation

Pastor: Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive Larry Perry as a ruling elder and Dalton Dallas, Will Grover, Justin Sterenberg and Josh Wyman as deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord

to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitle them?

Unison: We do.

Prayer for the Officers with Laying on of Hands

Offering the Right Hand of Fellowship

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Pastor: I now pronounce and declare that Larry Perry has been regularly elected and installed a ruling elder in this church, that Dalton Dallas, Will Grover and Josh Wyman have been regularly elected and installed deacons in this church, and that Justin Sterenberg has been regularly elected, ordained and installed a deacon in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Charge to the Officers

Charge to the Congregation

We Respond To God's Grace

Investing In God's Work (continue in silent prayer)

"How Great Thou Art"

Trinity Hymnal #44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

(Refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **(Refrain)**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(Refrain)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! **(Refrain)**

We Are Commissioned With God's Blessing

Closing Blessing

Postlude and Meditation

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Sermon Text: Acts 21:1-16

¹ And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. ² And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. ³ When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo. ⁴ And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. ⁵ When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed ⁶ and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

⁷ When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. ⁸ On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹ He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. ¹⁰ While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" ¹² When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."

¹⁵ After these days we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ And some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

Life at Metrocrest – Announcements for the Week – June 13, 2021

Discovering God's love and sharing it with others.

Today

1. **Today is the Fourth Sunday of Pentecost:** Pentecost is the longest season of the church calendar, running this year for 27 weeks! From now until Advent, we will be reflecting on Christian discipleship.
2. **Ordination & Installation:** During worship today, we are excited to be ordaining and installing our newly elected church officers. Deacon-elect Justin Sterenberg is set to be ordained. Set to be installed are Ruling Elder Larry Perry, Deacon Dalton Dallas, Deacon Will Grover, and Deacon Josh Wyman. Please pray for these men and their loved ones. We welcome family and friends who are with us today.
3. **Holy Communion Change:** Our monthly service of Holy Communion has been rescheduled to next Sunday, June 20, at 10:15am. This is to accommodate the ordination and installation of new officers.
4. **Updated COVID Policy:** MPC welcomes but does not require face coverings in the main worship service or Sunday School. We continue to provide an online worship option via Facebook Live, and a mask-required space in the Multi-Purpose Room.
5. **Children's Program Inserts:** Each Sunday, we provide younger children with a weekly program insert to help them engage the sermon text. This is a trial so your feedback would be appreciated.
6. **Children's Sunday School Classes:** Children meet for Sunday School on Sunday from 9-10am. We are currently set to continue through June 27.
7. **Adult Bible Class:** The Adult Bible Class continues our series called "Understanding Grace." This class is an excellent opportunity to learn about, reflect on, and grow in the knowledge of God's amazing grace. Classes begin Sunday mornings at 9am. The nursery will be available for those with small children, and coffee and refreshments will be offered in the lobby.

Upcoming Activities & Events

8. **Youth Group:** This week, our youth group will be meeting at the church at **6pm on Wednesday, June 16th**.
9. **Women's Ministry:** On **Tuesdays from 10-11am**, there will be a **Ladies' Prayer Time** hosted by Gwen Sterenberg via Zoom. More details and the Zoom meeting invitation are available via Realm, or you may contact the church office for details.
10. **Men's Breakfast:** On **Saturday, June 19, at 8:30am**, there will be an "in-person" breakfast at the church. All men are welcome to join us. We will be enjoying fellowship and praise God for being together again. Please register on Realm. Contact Jeff Colvin at (214) 475-9240 or at jeffreycolvin@yahoo.com with any questions.

11. **Picnic in the Park:** You are invited to bring a picnic lunch on **Sunday, June 27**, and join us after church for a time of Christian fellowship, across the street at Oak Hills Park (1210 E Hebron Pkwy, Carrollton TX 75010). Think simple, low-key, Christ-centered! We hope to see you there!

News & Needs

12. **Life Change for the month of June will support the MPC youth ministry.** Money raised will help offset the cost of camps, retreats, and mission trips. If you'd like to contribute, you can give online via Realm or by check during the entire month of June. The Life Change bucket will be available on June 20 (3rd Sunday) during the church service.
13. **Water Damage:** MPC had a burst pipe which damaged the hall and classrooms to the left of the lobby. Repairs are almost complete. Please bear with us while we wait on the final carpet installation.
14. **Kitchen volunteers needed:** With Sunday school returning, we are also resuming the coffee and refreshment service. We are looking for volunteers that are interested in either set up and clean up for coffee and refreshment service or providing refreshments (or both!). If you are interested in learning more contact Janiece Carter, (214) 478-1510, or email janiececarter01@gmail.com.
15. **MPC Mission Update:** Kathleen Barclay presented to the Session the Mission Team's plans for the new fiscal year. Expect big news on MPC's local and international mission, and be praying now about how you might want to be involved.
16. **MPC Budget Update:** MPC operates on a July-June fiscal year. Because of a change in the church's insurance situation, the Board of Deacons is delayed in completing the budget for 2021-2022. To allow the time needed, the Session has authorized a continuation of last year's budget through July 31.
17. **2021 General Assembly:** The annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America is scheduled for June 29-July 2 in St. Louis, MO. Representing MPC will be **Ruling Elders James Woods & Larry Perry**, and **Teaching Elder Bill Lovell**.

High Fives & Thanks

18. **Acts 2:46 Suppers:** Over forty MPC members registered to host or attend one of last night's Acts 2:46 Suppers. Thanks to everyone who participated! Very special thanks to all our gracious hosts: Kathleen Barclay, Bill & Sharon Greisser, Max & Diane Kizziar, Stewart & Susan Smith, Justin & Gwen Sterenberg, and Steve & Liz Withers! Watch Realm for the next round of Suppers, tentatively scheduled for July.

Sermon Title: The Problem of Suffering Leadership

I. Elders & Deacons

II. Suffering Leaders

III. Are you ready?

Please click [here](#) to fill out our Welcome Card or to submit a prayer request. We would love to know that you worshipped with us today!

Investing in God's Work:

Last Week's Offering:	\$ 7,464	Projected Giving to Date:	\$ 338,394
May Life Change:	\$ 723	Actual Giving to Date:	\$ 375,195
Difference to date + or – (+ \$36,801)			

In order to fund our annual operating budget goal of \$359,090, our monthly giving should meet or exceed \$29,924, which comes to about \$6,906 per week. Our budget fiscal year is July 2020 - June 2021.



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