



**METROCREST**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# The Jonah Church

**July 25, 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

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### Responsive Call to Worship from Ps. 33:20-22

Leader: Our soul waits for the LORD;  
**Unison: He is our help and our shield.**  
Leader: For our heart is glad in Him,  
**Unison: Because we trust in His holy name.**  
Leader: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
**Unison: Even as we hope in You.**

## We Celebrate The Resurrection

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### “Jesus I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows, into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress, into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

### **Acknowledging God's Presence**

#### **Worship Theme**

Knowing God's Mercy

#### **Theme Verses**

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. Exodus 34:6-8

#### **"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"**

Trinity Hymnal #246

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, who came,  
Ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

# We Confess Our Sins

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## Prayer of Confession

**Unison:** Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, You have made us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in You. We confess that we have been foolish, and strayed from You and have wandered on our own way. Have mercy on us, and forgive us our sin. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, and no weakness keep us from doing it.

*Silence is kept for personal reflection and confession.*

## Responsive Assurance of Pardon Based on 1 John 1:8-9

**Leader:** Hear the good news! If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.**

## "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Psalm 23)

Trinity Hymnal #87

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake;

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill,  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still;

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me:  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be;

### **Affirmation of Faith from Heidelberg Catechism, Q+A 128-129**

Leader: How does the Lord's prayer conclude?

**Unison:** *For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. That is: All this we ask of You because, as our King, having power over all things, You are both willing and able to give us all that is good., and because not we but Your holy name should so receive all glory forever.*

Leader: What does the word *Amen* mean?

**Unison:** *Amen means: It is true and certain. For God has much more certainly heard my prayer than I feel in my heart that I desire this of Him.*

#### **“How Great is Our God”**

##### **(Refrain)**

How great is our God! Sing with me,  
How great is our God - and all will see  
How great, how great is our God!

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

##### **(Refrain)**

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End;  
The Godhead three in one, He's the Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

##### **(Refrain)**

You're the name above all names, worthy of our praise;  
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

##### **(Refrain)**

## We Reflect On God's Word

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**Reading God's Word** – Jonah 4:1-11

**Applying God's Word**

Pastor Bill Lovell

**“The Discovering Church”**

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

## We Respond To God's Grace

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

**“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”**

Trinity Hymnal #498

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus, lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

**(Refrain)**

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins. **(Refrain)**

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul. **(Refrain)**

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,  
He, my Pilot, hears my cry. **(Refrain)**

Jesus! I do now receive Him;  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine. **(Refrain)**

## We Are Commissioned With God's Blessing

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### Closing Blessing

### Postlude and Meditation

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## Life at Metrocrest – Announcements for the Week – July 25, 2021

*Discovering God's love and sharing it with others.*

### Today

1. **Today is the Tenth 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. **Children's Program Inserts:** Each Sunday, we provide younger children with a weekly program insert to help them engage the sermon text. They can be found at the back of the church near the sound booth.
3. **Adult Bible Class:** The Adult Bible Class meets Sundays from 9-10am. James Woods will be continuing a study of the Gospel of Mark. The nursery will be available for those with small children, and coffee and refreshments will be offered in the lobby.
4. **Budget Presentation:** Immediately following worship today, we'll have a brief informational meeting regarding MPC's new budget.

### Upcoming Activities & Events

5. **Laura on Vacation:** Our Administrative Assistant, Laura Stites, will be on vacation July 24<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need anything from the office while she's away, you can reach out to Bill Lovell or Colin Deay.
6. **Children & Youth Sunday School Update:** Children's Sunday School and Youth Sunday School are taking a break, up to August 15<sup>th</sup>, to allow some time off and opportunity for Gwen and her team to evaluate the program and make plans for the Fall term.
7. **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.
8. **Youth Group:** This week the youth group has been invited to the Scotts' house (2107 Springwood Carrollton TX 75006) on Wednesday night (7/28)! They are asking that everyone bring \$5 to help cover the cost of food, as well as bringing something to drink. Also, bring your swimsuit, and a towel! The Scotts are grilling chicken and steak fajitas/tacos, so come hungry! We will be there from 6-8!
9. **Round Two of Our Acts 2:46 Suppers** is set for **Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**. The purpose of these suppers is for adult members of MPC to get to know each other.
10. **Save the date - MPC's Got Talent** is back by popular demand! Mark your calendar for the evening of August 7<sup>th</sup>, and stay tuned for more details!
11. **Save the date – MPC's 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration** is set for the weekend of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Long-time assistant Jimmy Davis (now Pastor at Mountain Fellowship PCA in Signal Mountain, TN) will be preaching that Sunday, and he and his wife Christine will be with us to celebrate 32 years of God's faithfulness to our church.

### News & Needs

12. **New Members Class:** We are always excited to welcome new members to our church community. If you are interested in knowing more about life at MPC, please sign up for our Discovering Metrocrest Class with Pastor Bill Lovell (bill@metrocrestchurch.org or 972-672-1388), scheduled for August. You can take the class without joining MPC, but to join MPC, you have to take the class!
13. **Korean Ministry:** Elder James Woods and Deacon Josh Wyman have been tasked by the Session with exploring the possibility of MPC hosting a group of Korean Presbyterians who need a place in Carrollton to worship on Sunday afternoons. No final decision has been made, so please pray for God's direction.
14. **Children & Youth:** We at MPC love our young people and seek in every way we can to help them grow in Christ. Are you interested in helping? Please speak to Sunday School Coordinator Gwen Sterenberg, or Youth Minister Jay Marble.

### ***High Fives & Thanks***

15. **Youth Service Week:** High fives to MPC's hardworking youth who participated in this year's Youth Service Week, helping church members with approved projects, serving at the CCA food pantry, cleaning the church nursery, and providing a free Date Night to church moms and dads. Youth participants included Johnny Abood, Cheyenne Camp, Nate Fowler, Sam Fowler, Olivia Marrs, Caleb McAnally, Hannah McAnally, Rohan Patel, Grayson Scott, Raelynn Sterenberg, and Scott Sterenberg.
16. **Youth Group Leaders:** Huge thanks for organizing a great week to Youth Minister Jay Marble and his team: Jessica Camp, Camma Fowler, and Joseph Marble.
17. **Youth Group Meals:** Thanks for delicious meals provided by Kathleen Barclay, Shona Camp, Barb Fowler, Margaret Marrs, and Loretta Sheets.
18. **Youth Group Housing:** Thanks too to the Sterenbergs who provided overnight accommodations to the girls, and the Marbles and Fowlers who hosted the boys.

## Sermon Text: Jonah 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup> And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. <sup>3</sup> Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup> Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup> Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup> And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

## Sermon Title: The Discovering Church

I. Our Limited Understanding

II. God's Unlimited Love

III. Jonah Chapter 5

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