



# METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## The King & His Kingdom

**Morning Worship  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 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

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## **Call to Worship - Psalm 22:27-28**

**Leader:** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

**Unison:** **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.**

# We Respond To God's Call

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## **Easter Acclamation**

**Leader:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Unison:** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Opening Hymn - "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

Tune: Hyfrodol

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of resurrection  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Tho' the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

## **Acknowledging God's Presence**

**Worship Theme - "The Resurrected King, His Authority, and Us"**

## **Theme Verses - Matthew 28:18**

Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."

## **Hymn - "Before the Throne of God Above"**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest, Whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because a sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One in Himself, I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God;  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

# We Confess Our Sins

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## **Call to Confession**

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against Your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us, O Lord: spare all those who confess their faults, and restore all those who

are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

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

### **Assurance of Pardon - Romans 8:1-3a**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh.

### **Hymn - "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer –  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior, He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need His power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread. I know I am forgiven –  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid,  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released. I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home,  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

# We Profess Our Faith And Pray

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## **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 - "Speak, O Lord"**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

## **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

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### **Reading God's Word - Matthew 28:18**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Understanding and Applying God's Word**

Pastor Bill Lovell

**"The Resurrected King, His Authority, and Us"**

## We Respond To God's Grace

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### **Offertory Sentence - Hebrews 13:15-16**

Through Christ let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess His Name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

### **Closing Hymn - "Jesus Shall Reign"**

Trinity Hymnal #441

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The pris'ner leaps to lose His chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

## God Sends Us Out With His Blessing

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### **Blessing - Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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# Sermon Text

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## English Standard Version - Matthew 28:18

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## King James Version - Matthew 28:18

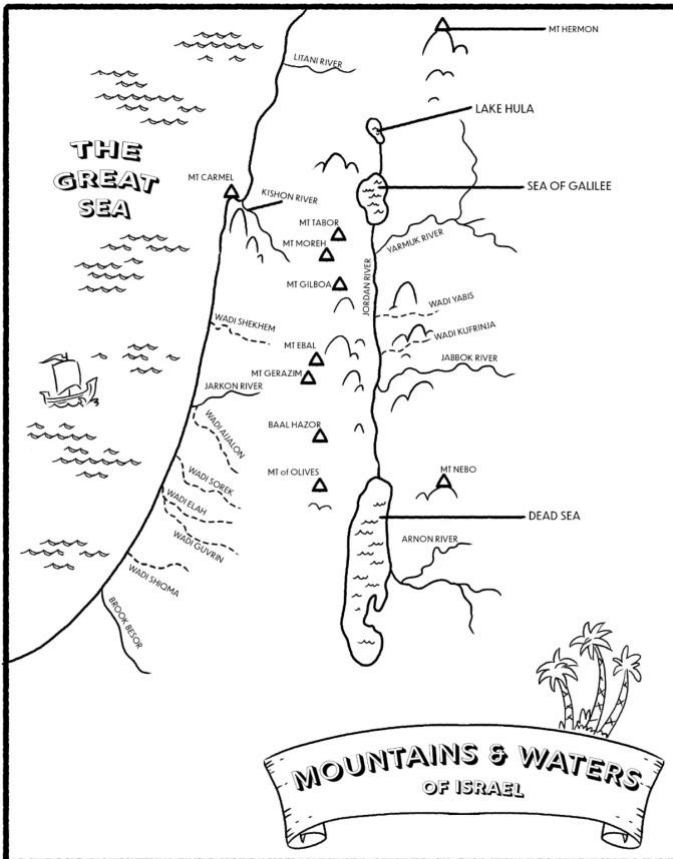
28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

## The Message - Matthew 28:18

28:18 Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave His charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you..."

## Greek New Testament - Matthew 28:18

28:18 καὶ προσελθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐλάλησεν αὐτοῖς λέγων, Ἐδόθη μοι πᾶσα ἐξουσία ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ [τῆς] γῆς.





# Sermon Notes

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## **Matthew 28:18**

Pastor Bill Lovell

### **"The Resurrected King, His Authority, and Us"**

Sermon Series: "The King & His Kingdom"

Introduction

All authority

In heaven

On earth

Significance for us

Worship - Divinity

Hope - This Life

Hope - Eternity

Obedience - Great Commission

# Church Life Notes

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## Today - April 28, 2024

1. **Fifth Sunday of Easter:** Easter is far too wonderful to keep to just one day, so, at Metrocrest, today is the fifth Sunday of Easter—a whole season of fifty days (up through May 12) to reflect on the resurrection of Christ.
2. **Serving Today:** Our scheduled Liturgy Leader is John Fowler. Our scheduled Prayer Leader is Paul Hartgrove.
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:** Tonight, our large group meeting for middle and high school youth will meet 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. **MPC Children's Sunday School:** Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am. Pre-K-Grade 5 - Solid Bible teaching from the Children's Catechism, age appropriate and fun. Scheduled to conclude for the school year on Sunday, May 12.
6. **MPC Youth Sunday School:** Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am. Grades 6-12 - Mature reflection on the Bible and the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Scheduled to conclude for the school year on Sunday, May 12.
7. **MPC Adult Sunday School:** Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am. All ages. Will Grover will conclude "The Gospel According to Isaiah" for a summer break, May 19-early September. Classes are scheduled every Sunday through the summer.
8. **Women's Bible Study:** MPC's Women's Bible Study has completed its study of 1 and 2 Kings. For info on future plans, please contact Melodie Bajema (214-669-7135 or rbajema5@sbcglobal.net).
9. **Men's Book Group:** MPC's Men's Ministry has completed its study of Jimmy Davis' *Cruciform: Living the Cross-Shaped Life*. For info on future plans, please contact Paul Hartgrove (972-816-2205 - paul.hartgrove@gmail.com).
10. **Monthly Play Date:** On the first Friday of each month, MPC moms and kids (all ages) are invited to a monthly play date. Our next one is scheduled for Friday, May 3, at 10:00am, at a location TBA.
11. **Vacation Bible School:** Trinity PCA in Plano has invited MPC families to participate in their VBS, June 24-28. For details, contact Sarah Scott (sarah.scott@trinityplano.org).
12. **Stated Session Meeting:** The MPC Session is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:00pm in Room D-03 at the church.
13. **Presbytery Meeting:** Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, Bethel PCA, Dallas.

14. **Monthly Marriage Workshop:** Next Sunday, May 5, interested couples will begin discussing Mike Mason's book, *The Mystery of Marriage*. The workshop will begin after worship service, and we will enjoy a potluck lunch together. Please contact Diane Kizziar (dianekizziar@gmail.com) for more details.

## News & Needs

15. **Shepherding Elders:** Every member of MPC has an Elder who is available as a resource in your walk with Christ. If you want further info, speak to Pastor Bill Lovell or Ruling Elder Larry Perry.
16. **Sexual Harassment:** If you are harassed at church, contact one of our Safeguarding Committee Members: Diane Kizziar (972-213-5391, dianekizziar@gmail.com) or Paul Hartgrove (972-816-2205, paul.hartgrove@gmail.com).

## High Fives & Thanks

17. **God's Faithful Provision:** Last Sunday, we at MPC had our largest collection in several years, with a total of \$24,869. Thank you, Lord!
18. **Community Concert:** Big High-Five to Caleb Esmond and Eric Rau for yesterday's Community Concert.

## Prayer Requests

19. **For The World:**
  - **Those in Positions of Authority** - For God to grant wisdom to Joe Biden, Donald Trump, and all others involved in this year's Presidential election in the US; and to the leaders of all nations.
  - **Armed Conflicts** - For God's mercy on the suffering people in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Yemen, Iran, and Haiti.
20. **For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:**
  - **Witness** - For God to help us grow as obedient servants.
  - **Church Finances** - For God's generous provision.
21. **For One Another:**
  - **Health Issues** - For God's blessing on Yvonne Alford (Bill Lovell's friend), Gwenda Bennett (Laura Stites' mom), Connie Bielefeld (Margaret Marrs' grandmother), Linda Bull (Scott Marrs' friend), Gary Collum (Paul Hartgrove's friend, whose wife Karen died), Jim Huckaby (Colton Huckaby's grandfather), Max Kizziar, Suzanne Larsen, Cherry Leslie, Ruth Lerner (Elinor Hites' sister), Ariel Lopez, Ashley Marble, Alana Marion, Mike Marion, Tom Mayfield, Ryan & Dianna Muller (friends of Alana Marion), Kristen Novak (Steve & Liz Wallin's daughter), Chip Sayers, David Wamsley, Lori Winn, and Norm Winn.
  - **Expecting Couples** - For God's blessing on Dorian & Joseph Marble, Rachelle & Ben Fant, Olivia & Avery Berg, Maurane & Colton Huckaby, Sam & Josh Wyman, and Nikki & Stephen Grzybowski.

**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 aim for financial transparency. Here's where we stand this fiscal year (July-June): Last week's giving - \$24,869; weekly giving goal - \$7,885; actual giving to-date - \$332,922; and projected giving to-date - \$339,038. Please be as generous as you can in your personal stewardship, and please pray for God's faithful provision.



**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 at [info@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:info@metrocrestchurch.org)!

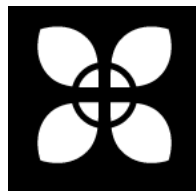
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**The Session (Elders)**

Rick Bajema  
Bill Camp  
John Fowler  
Paul Hartgrove  
Bill Lovell, Moderator  
Larry Perry, Clerk  
James Woods

**The Board of Deacons**

Dalton Dallas, President  
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**Bill Lovell**

Laura Stites  
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