



**METROCREST**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The King  
& His  
Kingdom**

**Morning Worship  
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost  
June 18, 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

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## Welcome

### Call to Worship - Philippians 4:4-6

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

**Unison: Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.**

Leader: The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything,

**Unison: But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

## We Celebrate The Resurrection

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### “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Trinity Hymnal #629

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

### Acknowledging God's Presence

**Worship Theme - "Praying in God's Kingdom"**

## Theme Verses - Matthew 6:9

“Pray like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.”

### “Hosanna”

I see the King of glory coming 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)**

## We Confess Our Sins

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### 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.**

## “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee when sorrows rise;  
On Thee when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies.  
To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone canst heal.  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief  
For every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail  
I fear to call Thee mine;  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline.  
Yet gracious God where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust.  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee,  
Though prostrate in the dust.

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace  
Be deaf when I complain?  
No, still the ear of sovereign grace  
Attends the mourner's prayer;  
Oh may I ever find access  
To breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still;  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope, attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet.  
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# We Profess Our Faith

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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**

### **“This is My Father’s World”**

Trinity Hymnal #111

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears  
All nature sings; and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world! I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise.  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world! He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O Let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world! The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heav'n be one.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Special Prayer of Thanks for Fathers**

### **Special Prayer of Thanks for the End of Slavery**

# We Reflect On God's Word

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## **Reading God's Word - Matthew 6:5-15**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**Unison: Thanks be to God.**

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

Pastor Bill Lovell

**"Praying in God's Kingdom"**

Sermon Series - "The King & His Kingdom"

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

# We Respond To God's Grace

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## **Offertory Sentence**

### **Giving to Support Gospel Ministry**

#### **"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

How deep the Father's love for us;  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ;  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

# We Are Commissioned With God's Blessing

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## **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

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## English Standard Version - Matthew 6:5-15

5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
10 Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
11 Give us this day our daily bread,  
12 and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
13 And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



# Sermon Notes

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**Matthew 6:5-15**

Pastor Bill Lovell

**"Praying in God's Kingdom"**

## **Introduction**

1. **Caution (vv 5-8,14-15)**

2. **Context (v 9)**

3. **Content (vv 10-13)**

4. **So How Do We Pray?**

# Church Life Notes

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## Today

1. **Happy Fourth Sunday of Pentecost!** For the next several months, between now and Advent, we will be reflecting on "The King & His Kingdom."
2. **Happy Father's Day:** To every dad here today, we thank God for you and wish you a day filled with love and joy! For the dads who are not here today, including those who are now with Jesus, we thank God for them too and for all they did to help us and support us. For those who are alienated from their dads, we pray for healing and reconciliation. For those who have not had children, or have had fertility issues, we pray for peace and comfort—and for miracles. And for those who never really knew the love of a father, we pray that Jesus' perfect love will fill in where others have fallen short.
3. **Happy Juneteenth:** On June 19, 1865—158 years ago tomorrow—slavery ended in Texas. We celebrate this momentous step in the history of our state and nation, and ask God for His continued mercy on us.
4. **Serving Today:** The scheduled Liturgy Leader this morning is James Woods. The scheduled Prayer Leader is Will Grover.
5. **This Sunday is Life Change Sunday!** Life Change for the month of June will be directed to purchasing Bibles and Christian materials for the **Carrollton Police Jail**, where Pastor Bill serves as a chaplain.
6. **MPC Youth Ministry:** Tonight, our large group meeting for all middle and high school youth, will meet from 6-8 pm at the church. **Cross Training will continue this Sunday.** If any youth are interested in singing or playing an instrument in youth group, please join us at the church at 5:15 pm.

## Upcoming Activities & Events

7. **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** - 9-10 am, through the summer. Will Grover is leading a highly interactive class on the book of Job.
8. **Christian Community Action:** Please join us on **Wednesday, June 21**, from 5:30-8:00 pm at CCA's food pantry, as we help with shopping, bagging, loading cars, and working the registers. For info, contact Paul Hartgrove at 972-816-2205 or via email at paul.hartgrove@gmail.com. We need about 8-10 volunteers. CCA is located at 200 South Mill Street in Lewisville.

9. **Youth Service Week:** Our youth service week is June 26-30. For more info, please reach out to Joseph Marble.

## News & Needs

10. **Office Schedule:** Administrative Assistant Laura Stites' days in the church office have changed to Monday, Thursday, and Friday temporarily during the summer. The church phones will be forwarded to Laura's cell phone on those days she's at home. Pastor Bill is in and out during the week, so please call the church office before visiting.
11. **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.
12. **Fiscal Year End:** Thank you all for your generosity this fiscal year, which concludes Friday, June 30. For more details on giving and our budget, please see Realm, contact the church office, or reach out to our Treasurer Will Grover (treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org).
13. **Pianist:** The session has authorized Music Director Nick Rhodes to look for a pianist to join the Sunday morning music team. If you have a suggestion, please speak to Nick.

## High Fives & Thanks

14. **Commissioners to GA:** Thanks to Ruling Elders Paul Hartgrove and Larry Perry, and Teaching Elder Bill Lovell, who represented Metrocrest at this past week's General Assembly of the PCA.

## Prayer Requests

15. **For Our Community:**
  - **Juneteenth:** Please thank God for the end of slavery in our state and nation.
16. **For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:**
  - **Budget:** Please pray for God's provision for the work of MPC.
  - **Pianist:** Please pray for God's blessing on MPC's search for a pianist to join our church music team.
17. **For One Another:**
  - **All Fathers:** Please pray for all MPC's dads and granddads.
  - **Kerry Buswell:** Please continue to pray for Kerry's father Brad, as he adjusts to rehab and a new living situation.
  - **Cindy Thomas:** Please continue to pray for Cindy's healing from cataract surgery this past week.
  - **Norm & Lori Winn:** Please pray for Norm as he recovers 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 in either of two ways: (1) use one of the cards found in the lobby; or (2) point 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.

**Thank you for your financial support! To fund our mission and ministry, Metrocrest depends on God's generous provision through you.**

Last Week's Giving: \$8,009

Projected Giving to Date: \$481,110

Actual Giving to Date: \$411,793

Difference to date: + or - (- \$69,317)

Our budget fiscal year is July 2022 - June 2023. For budget information or stewardship assistance, you may contact the Treasurer Will Grover at [treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org).



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