



METROCREST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The King & His Kingdom

**Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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

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

Easter Acclamation

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Opening Hymn - "Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

(Refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. **(Refrain)**

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age:
Our God is all in all. **(Refrain)**

Acknowledging God's Presence

Worship Theme - "The Resurrected King, His First Worshipers, and Us"

Theme Verses - Matthew 28:16-17

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

Hymn - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Trinity Hymnal #295

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

We Confess Our Sins

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.

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 - "Son of God"

There is a place of sorrow and love,
The innocent Savior broken and bleeding for us.
The nails in His hands, thorns on His brow,
Rivers of mercy endlessly flowing down.

The Son of God, high and lifted up,
The Father's love came pouring down for us.
He has overcome.

There is a place for all who would come,
His arms are open, our sins are washed white in His blood.
The lost and unworthy come find your home,
The broken and hurting, His love will never let go.

(Refrain)

The Son of God, high and lifted up,
The Father's love came pouring down for us.
He has overcome.
The spotless Lamb for every sinner slain,
Our victory, our hope beyond the grave.
He has overcome.
He has overcome.

Now my song will ever be,
Of my Savior's love for me.
When at last His face I see,
With all the saints in glory. **(Refrain)**

We Profess Our Faith And Pray

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 - "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **(Refrain)**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(Refrain)**

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. **(Refrain)**

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

Reading God's Word - Matthew 28:16-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

Understanding and Applying God's Word

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Resurrected King, His First Worshipers, and Us"

We Respond To God's Grace

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 - "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone; Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

(Refrain)

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good; God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **(Refrain)**

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord;
Then sin and death will be destroyed;
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore. **(Refrain)**

God Sends Us Out With His Blessing

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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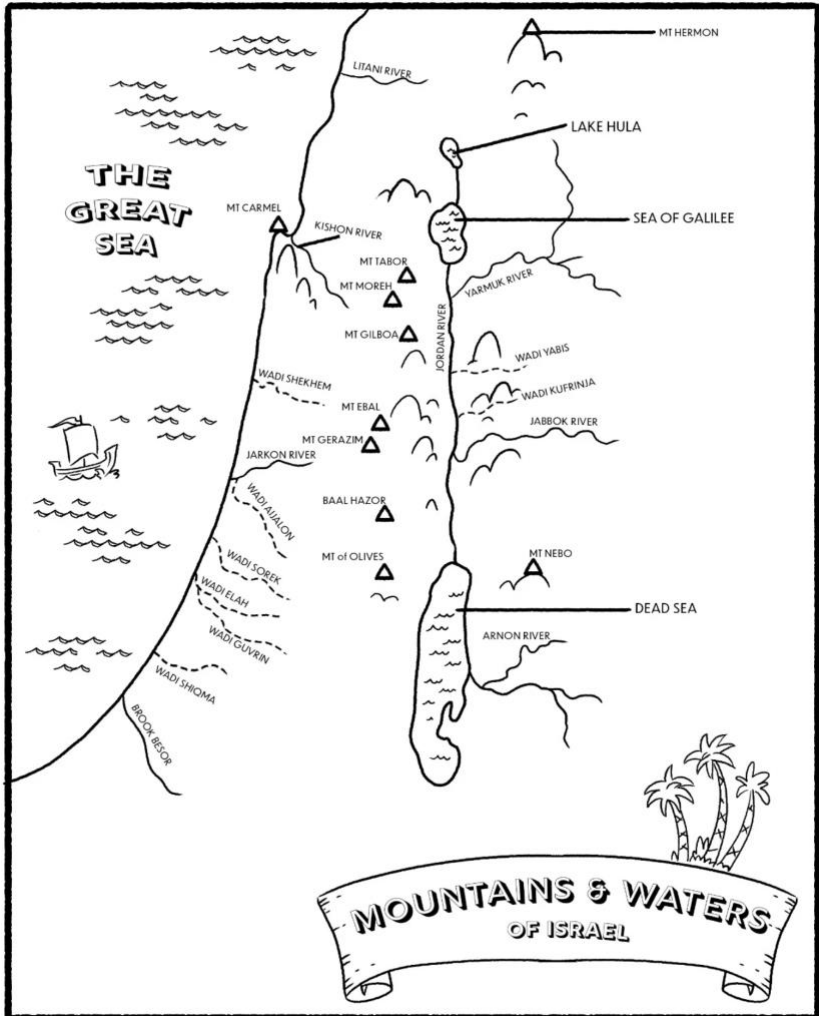
Sermon Text

English Standard Version - Matthew 28:16-17

28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.

Greek New Testament - Matthew 28:16-17

28:16 Οἱ δὲ ἑνδεκά μαθηταὶ ἐπορεύθησαν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν εἰς τὸ ὄρος οὗ ἐτάξατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς, 17 καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν προσεκύνησαν, οἱ δὲ ἐδίστασαν.



Sermon Notes

Matthew 28:16-17

Pastor Bill Lovell

"The Resurrected King, His First Worshipers, and Us"

Sermon Series: "The King & His Kingdom"

Introduction

Who went?

Where did they go?

What did they do?

Church Life Notes

Today - April 21, 2024

1. **Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Easter is far too wonderful to keep to just one day, so, at Metrocrest, today is the fourth 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 Larry Perry. Our scheduled Prayer Leader is James Woods.
3. **Giving Online:** To access our secure online giving portal, you may use the QR code on the back of the bulletin.
4. **Life Change Sunday:** Today's Life Change collection will go to **MNA Disaster Response - Sheds of Hope**, a project in which teams go to a property that has been destroyed and build a structure that the family will own to store their belongings. Listen for instructions.
5. **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

6. **MPC Sunday School for All Ages:** Please join us Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00am.
 - **Children** - 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.
 - **Youth** - Grades 6-12 - Mature reflection on the Bible and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
 - **Adult** - Highly interactive study of "The Gospel According to Isaiah"—led by Will Grover.
7. **New Members Class:** Interested in joining Metrocrest? Please join us next Saturday, April 27, at 10:00am in Room D-03 at the church.
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. **Community Concert Series Event:** Please join us for a performance of Haydn, Schuman, and Shostakovich by the Kintsugi Quartet on Saturday, April 27, at 3:00pm. MPC's Eric Rau will be playing cello.

News & Needs

13. **Shepherding Elders:** Every member of MPC has an Elder who is available to you as a resource in your walk with Christ. If you want further info, speak to Pastor Bill Lovell or to Ruling Elder Larry Perry.
14. **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

15. **Restore 2024 Mercy Conference:** High five to Brian Ray for attending last weekend's Restore 2024 Mercy Conference, sponsored by the PCA's Ministry to North America; and to Pastor Bill Lovell for moderating a session on holistic ministry.

Prayer Requests

16. **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.
17. **For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:**
- **Community Concert Series:** For God to help us reach our neighbors.
 - **Witness** - For God to help us grow as worshipers of Christ.
 - **Church Finances** - For God's generous provision.
18. **For One Another:**
- **Health Issues** - For God's blessing on Yvonne Alford (Bill Lovell's friend), 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 - \$11,370; weekly giving goal - \$7,885; actual giving to-date - \$302,610; and projected giving to-date - \$331,154. Please be as generous as you can in your personal stewardship, and please pray for God's faithful provision.



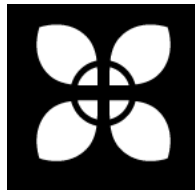
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