



**METROCREST**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Holy Communion  
Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost  
August 13, 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

---

## Welcome

### Call to Worship - Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;

**Unison: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**Unison: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

**Unison And let us exalt His name together!**

## We Respond To God's Call

---

### Opening 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)**

### Acknowledging God's Presence

### Worship Theme - "Building on the Rock"

### Theme Verses - Matthew 7:24-25

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

## Hymn - "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Trinity Hymnal #92

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood,  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side,  
The man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus it is He:  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! His doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go –  
This mortal life also.  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

# We Confess Our Sins

---

## **Call to Confession - Mark 12:29-31**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## **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, soul, mind, and strength; and 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 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 - John 6:37-40**

**Leader:** Jesus assures us, "All those the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all those He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day. For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

**Unison: Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn - "His Mercy is More"**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum;  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

### **(Refrain)**

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home;

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. **(Refrain)**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. **(Refrain)**

## We Profess Our Faith And Pray

---

### **Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father. By Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Greeting**

#### **Hymn - "I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)"**

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner condemned unclean.

#### **(Refrain)**

Singing, how marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be,  
How marvelous! How wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me.

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own,

And He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone. **(Refrain)**

And with the ransomed in glory,  
His face I at last shall see.  
It will be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me. **(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.**

### **Prayer of Intercession**

## We Receive God's Word

---

### **Reading God's Word - Matthew 7:21-27**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Unison: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Pastor Bill Lovell

**"Building on the Rock"**

Sermon Series - "The King & His Kingdom"

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

### **Sermon Prayer**

## We Commune At God's Table

---

### **Instructions**

*All baptized persons who worship the Lord Jesus Christ and are in communion with His church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward as directed. We offer both grape juice and, in the outer ring of each tray, in tinted cups, wine. Please take the elements to your seat and wait to consume them until we do so together. Please dispose of cups at the back of the church at the end of the service.*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

## Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Unison: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Unison: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Unison: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Unison: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory to You, O Lord, most high.**

## Holy Communion

# We Respond To God's Grace

---

## Offertory Sentence

## Giving to Support Gospel Ministry

## Closing Hymn - "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Trinity Hymnal #521

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(Refrain)

On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,

O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

## God Sends Us Out With His Blessing

---

### **Closing Blessing - Romans 15:5-6**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Postlude and Meditation**

**"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"** Words and music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman – © 2011 Atlas Mountain Songs, Sixsteps Music, Thankyou Music. All rights reserved. **"A Mighty Fortress"** Words and Music by Martin Luther, tr. by Frederick H. Hodge. **"His Mercy is More"** Words and music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa – © 2016 Getty Music Hymns and Songs, Getty Music Publishing, Love Your Enemies Publishing, Messenger Hymns (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.). All rights reserved. **"I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)"** Words and music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel and Chris Tomlin. © Sixsteps Music, Vamos Publishing. Used by permission. All rights reserved. **"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"** Words by Edward Mote, Music by William B. Bradbury. CCLI License #451603.

# Sermon Text

---

## **English Standard Version - Matthew 7:21-27**

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

# Sermon Notes

---

## **Matthew 7:21-27**

Pastor Bill Lovell

### **"Building on the Rock"**

#### **Introduction**

#### **1. A Solemn Warning (vv 21-23)**

- **Saying**

- **Doing**

#### **2. Wisdom (vv 24-25)**

#### **3. Foolishness (vv 26-27)**

# Church Life Notes

---

## Today - August 13, 2023

1. **Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost!** Pentecost is a season specially focused on discipleship. For the next several months, between now and Advent, we will be studying the Gospel of Matthew.
2. **Holy Communion:** This morning, as usual on the second Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.
3. **Serving Today:** Our scheduled Liturgy Leader this morning is Ruling Elder Larry Perry. Our scheduled Prayer Leader is Ruling Elder Paul Hartgrove.
4. **Giving Online:** To access our secure online giving portal, use the QR code and follow the instructions on the back of the bulletin.
5. **MPC Youth Ministry:** Tonight, we will decorate the youth room between 6:00-8:00pm. **No Cross Training tonight.**

## Upcoming Activities & Events

6. **MPC Sunday School:** We offer classes for all ages:
  - **Children** - on break, restarting Sunday, September 10.
  - **Youth** - on break, restarting Sunday, September 10.
  - **Adults** – 9:00-10:00am, all year. Through August 27, Deacon Will Grover is leading a study of the Book of Job. On September 3, we will have a presentation on the most recent General Assembly.
7. **Stated Session Meeting:** The Elders will meet for their next Stated Meeting this coming Tuesday, August 15, at 6:00pm in Room D-03 at the church. Finalizing the budget for the new fiscal year is currently on the docket.
8. **Colton Huckaby & Maurane Gisiger:** Colton and Maurane have tentatively scheduled their wedding ceremony at MPC for Saturday, October 7, at 2:00pm. Everyone at Metrocrest is invited.
9. **Interested in Joining MPC?** Please sign you up for our next Discovering Metrocrest class on Saturday, August 25.

## News & Needs

10. **August Life Change:** Life Change for August will support Julian and Christiana Russell, serving with MTW in the Bahamas. The Russell's sensed the Lord's call to participate in extending His kingdom more actively, specifically through church planting in their place of birth.
11. **Men's Book Group:** Our group will resume meeting in September. We'll meet on Tuesdays at 7pm, both in person and on Zoom. Contact Paul Hartgrove (paul.hartgrove@gmail.com) for questions. We're looking forward to having many of you join us this fall.

## High Fives & Thanks

12. **Women's Hangout:** Sounds like the women of MPC had a great time on Wednesday night as many gathered for dinner and Christian fellowship! Thanks to everyone who was able to attend!
13. **Postsecondary Students:** Congratulations and very best wishes to all our students at MPC who are starting or continuing their postsecondary education!

## Prayer Requests

14. **For Our Community:**
  - **Family of Landon Borque** - For God's mercy on the family and friends of 15-year-old Landon Borque who was struck by a car and killed on Wednesday morning as he rode his bike to his first day of school at Heritage High School in Frisco.
15. **For Our Church's Mission and Ministry:**
  - **Church Budget** - For God's provision and direction as we finalize the budget for the new fiscal year.
16. **For One Another:**
  - **Postsecondary Students:** For God's blessing on all our students at MPC who are starting or continuing their postsecondary education at trade school, community college, or university.
  - **Lori Winn** - For God's healing mercy on Lori as she struggles with health issues, including rehab.
  - **Madeleine Esmond** - For God's mercy on Caleb's wife, Madeleine, and their expected baby.
  - **Elinor Hite** - For God's provision for Elinor's finances and help with her housing needs.
  - **Carol Fowkes** - For God's mercy on Carol, a dear friend of the Wamsleys, who lost her husband Greg.

**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 worshipped with us today and share more information about our church.



**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. We are only a few weeks into our new fiscal year (July-June), but as soon as complete information is available, we will provide details on weekly giving, weekly giving goals, actual giving-to-date, and projected giving-to-date. You can direct further financial questions and comments to MPC's Treasurer Will Grover at [treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org).



**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 through the church office at [info@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:info@metrocrestchurch.org)!

---

**Bill Lovell**  
**Laura Stites**  
**Nick Rhodes**  
**Will Grover**  
**Joseph Marble**

*Pastor*  
*Administrative Assistant*  
*Music Director*  
*Treasurer*  
*Youth Director*

*[bill@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:bill@metrocrestchurch.org)*  
*[laura@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:laura@metrocrestchurch.org)*  
*[nick@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:nick@metrocrestchurch.org)*  
*[treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@metrocrestchurch.org)*  
*[joseph@metrocrestchurch.org](mailto:joseph@metrocrestchurch.org)*



**The Session (Elders)**  
John Fowler  
Paul Hartgrove  
Larry Perry

**The Board of Deacons**  
Dalton Dallas  
Will Grover