

PALM



SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023
+ PALM SUNDAY +

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Edward Broughton
Brian Ward, Organ

+ *LITURGY OF THE PALMS* +

* READING OF SCRIPTURE

Charles Olson, Reader
Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 118

Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!
Look, your king is coming to you.
He is righteous and victorious,
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—even on a donkey's colt.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
You are our God, and we will praise You!
You are our God, and we will exalt You!
O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
His faithful love endures forever!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 227

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski
Susan Dawson

An Invitation

ANTHEM

Blessed Is He
arr. Hal H. Hopson
Children's Ensemble
Sunwoo Lee, Piano
Brian Ward, Director

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

* HYMN 229

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

+ *LITURGY OF THE PASSION* +

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Nancy Bromley, Reader

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (382)

Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

SILENCE

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

HOMILY

Libby Piotrowski

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music

Lamentoso

Gregg Sewell

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Robert Lau

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Sandra Eithun

Chancel Handbell Choir, Dominic German, Director

- * Responsive Hymn 114, verses 1 and 4
- * Prayer of Dedication

God Loved the World So That He Gave

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Jesus Paid It All
John T. Grape

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Led by Sunwoo Lee and Brian Ward

WORDS OF SENDING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Saw Ye My Saviour?
arr. Fred Binckes

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday

We invite you to join us at 9:15 am for a palm procession through the neighborhood, followed by breakfast in the parlors before our 10:30 am worship service. Meet us in the south garden to process through the neighborhood, and stay for breakfast and a time to journey through the liturgy of the palms and the passion.

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday Service

Join us at 7 pm as we share in the Last Supper and the washing of feet.

Friday, April 7: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Join us at 7 pm to participate in the Service of Shadows.

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday

All are welcome to return at 9:15 am for breakfast before making your way to the sanctuary at 10:30 am to celebrate the resurrected Christ!

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you Re - deem - er, King,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:

You are the king of Is - ra - el, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 the peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went,
 as you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the praise we bring,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed one!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King! A - men.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel ar - mies
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and fierc - est
 5 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride

san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road
 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin
 of the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes
 strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne
 on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain,

with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 o'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
 to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign. A - men.

114 God Loved the World So That He Gave

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your
 4 Glo - ry to God— the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fer'd death; all that con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer; Christ Je - sus saves your
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 soul from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly! A - men.

Jesus Paid It All

E. M. Hall

John T. Grape



I hear the Sav - iour say: "Thy strength in - deed is
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine a -
For noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to



small; Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in
lone; Can change the lep - er's spots, And melt the heart of
claim; I'll wash my gar - ments white, In the blood of Cal - v'y's



all." Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe:
stone.
Lamb.



Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

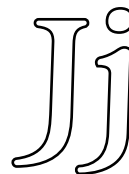
We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Jack and Mary Surridge and family**, mourning the passing of Jack's mother, Claire Cole
- **the families of the victims in two recent school shootings**, in Denver and Nashville, last week
- **the families of those lost to a tornado** in Mississippi, where the death toll is 26 and rising
- **the families of the 40 lost in a migrant shelter fire** in Juarez, Mexico, last week
- **family and friends of Roger Nelson**, who passed away on March 18
- Terri Njaa's 3-month-old great-grandson, **Daniel**, recuperating after undergoing heart surgery
- **Tracee Lundeen**, Jim and Jan's daughter-in-law, diagnosed with malignant brain tumors
- **Chloe Johnson**, diagnosed with lupus
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating well following surgery to remove a tumor on his brain
- **Sig Hulburt**, recuperating well after surgery for a hiatal hernia
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Barbara's 18-year-old grandson**, awake and off life support
- Barbara Nordlund's parents, **Sue and Dwight Samuelson**, moving forward in their respective medical journeys

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

Join us this week, as we pray for those in our community whose first names begin with...



Eat Some Pancakes, Raise Some Funds! Join us on Saturday, April 15, from 8:30 to 11 am in the church parlors for the first pancake breakfast camping fundraiser since 2020! Come for delicious pancakes, fruit, and sausage... Participate in a raffle with fun camp prizes... Sip some coffee and chat with friends... Donate to help send kids to summer camp... Come when you can, leave when you must... No reservations needed!

Things are moving forward with the 125th-anniversary Campaign! Back at our January Annual Meeting, the church approved of the Executive Council forming a committee to raise \$1.25 million for the restoration of the east wall, a full-time pastor focused on youth and the community, and a 10% tithe to community organizations. The Executive Council has approved the committee's members, but we are still looking for more people to support this team! The committee is currently comprised of Sandi Kersten and Samantha Johnson (co-chairs), Joline Paska, Donn Engebretson, Cal Katter, Brad Thompson, Scott Applequist, and Jane Swanson-Nystrom, as well as ex-officio members Joel Olfelt, Libby Piotrowski, and Jeff Hunter. We hope to meet soon to look at the roles we will oversee, set timelines and metrics, and review our current giving and budget. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Sandi Kersten (skers26803@gmail.com or 312-622-8100) or Samantha Johnson (scjohnson725@gmail.com or 773-383-0682).

Help the church library celebrate the 125th anniversary of North Park Covenant Church! Let's see if we can raise \$125 (or more) during the month of April to purchase some new books for the library. This could be accomplished if 125 people gave \$1 or if 25 people gave \$5. In May, we will distribute a ballot with titles and short descriptions of several good options so people can vote on the books they would like to see added to the library. To give online via the church website, use the designation of Special Gifts with "library" typed in the optional memo field. If giving by check, please write "library" on the memo line.

One of the privileges we share as a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church is representation at our denomination's decision-making meetings. Each year, the Central Conference, of which we are a part, hosts its meeting in the spring. Additionally, each year, the ECC holds its annual meeting in the early summer. We want to send representatives to both! Based on the size of our congregation, we can send up to four (4) delegates, whose primary responsibility is to sit in on the business meetings, ask questions, and vote as representatives of NPCC when called to do so. The church will cover your expenses. This year's meeting dates:

- April 27-29: Central Conference Annual Meeting in Gladstone, MI

- June 28-July 1: "Gather" (Denominational Annual Meeting) in Garden Grove, CA

Please let Pastor Jeff or Pastor Libby know if you are interested in serving as a delegate to either of these meetings!

There is an ongoing need in the church for volunteers in childcare, ushering, and hospitality. If you are interested in helping out in any of these ways, please take a look at the sign-up sheet, which is available in the parlors today. If everyone in the church signed up for two dates, we would be covered for a long time!

Ann-Marie will be out of the office on Tuesday, April 4.

The text for today's children's ensemble anthem are as follows:

Blessed Is He

Dale Wood, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Trotting slowly, slowly through the town, little donkey trotting upon the way:
You bring Jesus to Jerusalem! You bring a king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Ride on! Hear the people shout, "Blessed is he who comes this day,"
Ride on! Join the happy song: "Hosanna! Bless his name, the name of the Lord!"

People shouting in Jerusalem, spreading palms and garments upon his way
as he rides in noble majesty. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Riding onward, he will conquer; he will die to open the heav'nly gate.
He will free us, he will save us all. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, April 3

- 9 am Monday Morning Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, April 4

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Young Adult Gathering (Staff Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 5

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)

Thursday, April 6

- 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
- 8 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 8:30 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

Friday, April 7

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)

Saturday, April 8

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

- 9:15 am All-church Breakfast (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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