



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 16, 2023
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CONGREGATIONAL SONG PRELUDE

How He Loves
John Mark McMillan
2005 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C. Cook))

Living Hope
Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham
2017 Phil Wickham Music (Fair Trade Music Publishing [c/o Essential Music Publishing LLC])
Simply Global Songs (Fair Trade Music Publishing [c/o Essential Music Publishing LLC])
Sing My Songs (Fair Trade Music Publishing [c/o Essential Music Publishing LLC]); Bethel Music Publishing
Led by Dominic German, Colleen Griggs, Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson, and Brian Ward

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Moment for Mission

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski
Brad Thompson for the 125th Campaign,
Building with Faithfulness

CHORAL INTROIT

Now the Green Blade Rises (244, verse 2)
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16

Come, bless the Lord,
in whom we find our refuge and safety.

**You are our God;
all good things come from You alone.**

Come, bless the Lord,
who gives us a rich inheritance
and surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God;
our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless the Lord,
who guides us on the path to eternal life,
whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**You are our God;
we will not be shaken.**

Let's worship God together!

* OPENING SONG

He Will Hold Me Fast
Ada Ruth Habershon, Matthew Merker
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* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sims*)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response 246, verses 1 and 3

Dave Dawson, Reader

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Song Is Love Unknown

Words: Samuel Crossman

Tune: John Ireland, arr. James Kirkby

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option [here](#).

Offertory

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Sandra Eithun

Brian Ward, Piano

He Lives

* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 2

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 241

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Easter Fanfares

Robert Lau

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

How He Loves

John Mark McMillan
David Crowder



He is jeal-ous for me Loves like a hurr - i-cane, I am a tree



Bend-ing be-neath the weight of his wind and mer - cy. when



all of a sud-den, I am un - a-ware of these af - flic - tions e - clised by



glo - ry and I re - a-lize just how beau - ti - ful you are and how



great your af-fec - tions are for me and oh how He loves us,



oh, oh, how He loves us. How He loves us all.

1.

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He loves us, oh how He loves us, oh how He loves us,

39

oh how He loves! and we are his por-tion and He is our prize

44

Drawn to re-demp - tion by the grace in his eyes, if grace is an o - cean, we're all

48

sink - ing and Hea-ven meets earth like an un-fore - seen kiss and my

52

heart turns vio-lent-ly in - side of my chest, I don't have time to main - tain these re-grets when I

56

think a - bout the way and oh, how He loves us,

60

oh, oh, how He loves us how he loves us all.

Living Hope

Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson

Allegro (♩ = 120)



How great the chas - m that lay be -
Who could i - mag - ine so great a



tween us How high the moun - tain I could not climb. In des - per - a - tion, I turned to
mer - cy? What heart can fa - thom such bound - less grace? The God of a - ges stepped down from



hea - ven and spoke your name in - to the night. Then through the dark - ness Your lov - ing
glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spo - ken, I am for -



kind - ness tore through the sha - dows of my soul. The work is fin - ished, the end is
giv - en. The King of Kings calls me His own. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior, I'm yours for -



writ - ten Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le -
e - ver Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le -




lu - jah, praise the one who set me free. Hal - le - lu - jah, death has lost its grip on me. You have




bro - ken e - very chain; there's sal - va - tion in Your name; Je - sus Christ my li - ving hope. Hal - le -

30



lu - jah, praise the one who set me free; Hal-le - lu - jah, death has lost its grip on me; You have

34



bro-ken e-very chain; there's sal - va-tion in Your name; Je-sus Christ my liv - ing hope.

38



Then came the morn-ing that sealed the pro - mise; Your bur-ied bo - dy be-gan to

42



breath. Out of the sil - ence, the roar-ing li - on de-clared the grave has no claim on

46




me. Then came the morn-ing that sealed the pro - mise; Your bur-ied bo - dy be - gan to

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breathe. Out of the sil - ence, the roar-ing li - on de-clared the grave has no claim on

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me. Je-sus, yours is the vic - to - ry Hal - le

He Will Hold Me Fast

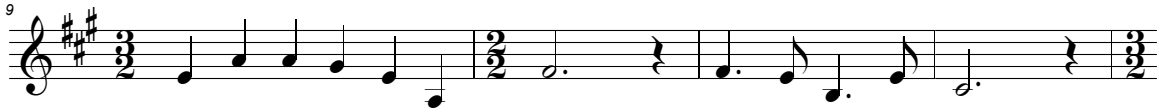
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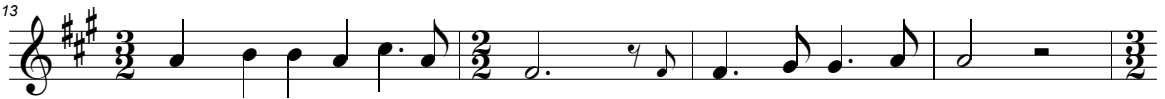
Allegro (♩ = 120)



When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
Those He saves are His de - light Christ will hold me fast
For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast



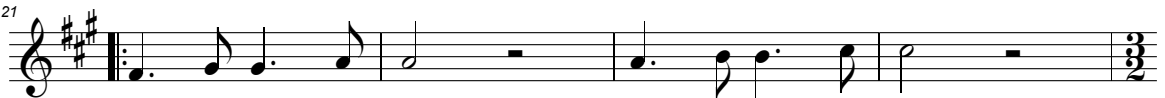
When the temp - ter would pre - vail He will hold me fast
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight He will hold me fast
Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied He will hold me fast



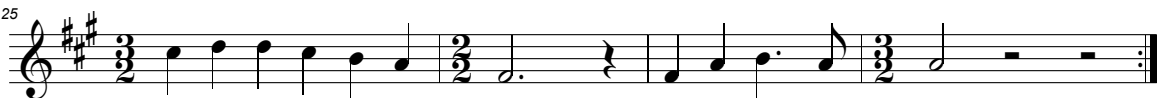
I could ne - ver keep my hold through life's fear - ful path
He'll not let my soul be lost His pro - mis - es shall last
Raised with Him to end-less life He will hold me fast



For my love is of - ten cold He must hold me fast
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last



He will hold me fast He will hold me fast



For my Sa - viour loves me so He will hold me fast.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Traditional

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

246

Refrain (in unison) F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

F Dm Gm C ⊕ *Last time*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F/A Stanzas F Dm B♭ C F

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: life for all
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

Dm Gm7 C D.C. ⊕ F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.
 died and has ris - en.
 live for - ev - er.
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 sing to our Sav - ior.

He Lives

1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3 Re - joice, re-joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

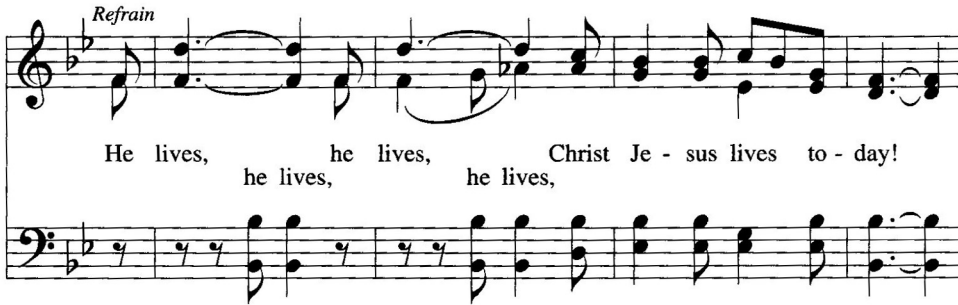
I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

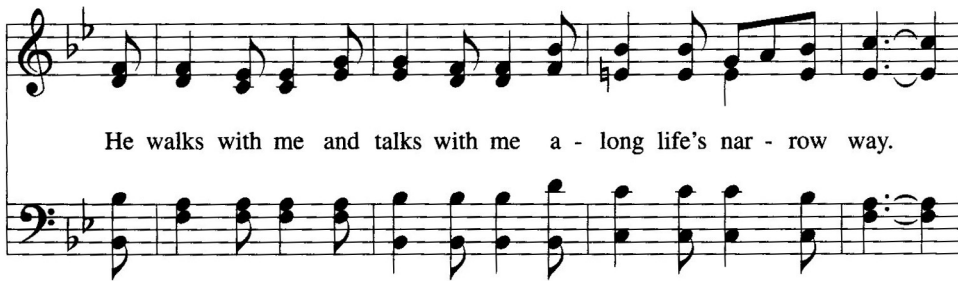
and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

EASTER: RESURRECTION

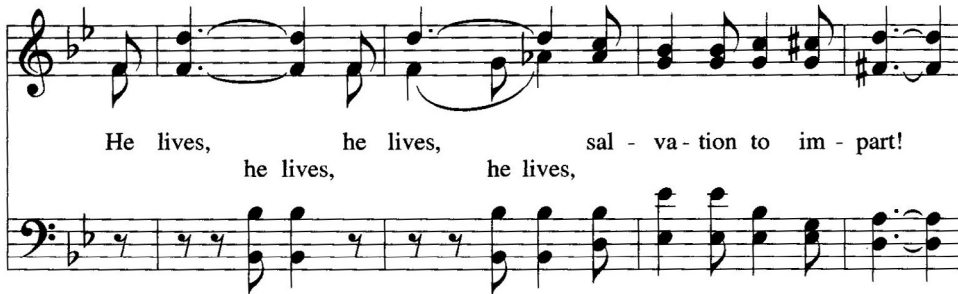
Refrain



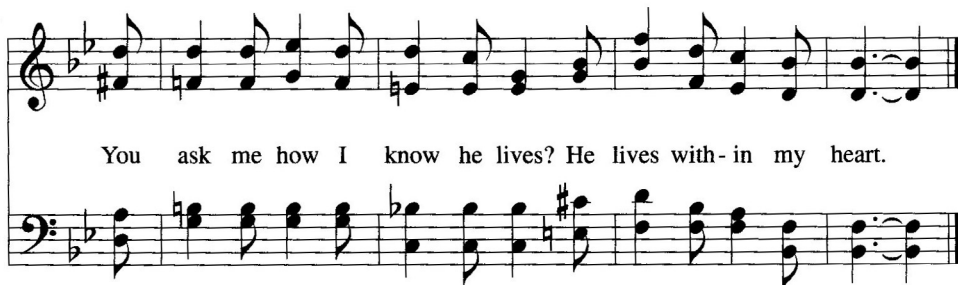
He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
he lives, he lives,



He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.



He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
he lives, he lives,



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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Dm Gm7 C D.C. ⊕ F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.
 died and has ris - en.
 live for - ev - er.
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 sing to our Sav - ior.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **the family of Emily Nelson**, one of the late Grace and Burton Nelson's daughters, who passed away recently
- **Jack and Mary Surridge and family**, mourning the passing of Jack's mother, Claire Cole
- **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
- **Chloe Johnson**, diagnosed with lupus
- **Tracee Lundeen**, Jim and Jan's daughter-in-law, undergoing chemo for malignant brain tumors
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating well following surgery to remove a tumor on his brain
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Barbara**, awaiting word from doctors about the potential amputation of one of her feet due to diabetes and neuropathy
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Sarah Shockey**, whose father anticipates heart surgery in June
- 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...

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We will hold the second part of this year's Annual Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 23, immediately following worship. The NPCC Executive Council and Nominating Committee will bring the ballot of proposed church leaders for 2023 to 2024. Please join us in this important task of choosing our church leaders!

It's time to buy tickets for our mission trip to Nome this August! To date, there are four confirmed participants. If you want to join the trip, please contact Sue Vandervoort no later than April 15 at 773-769-1963 or suev307@sbcglobal.net.

The North Park Readers have selected *The Firefly Letters* by Margarita Engle for the April book club. The book is a portrait of early women's rights pioneer Fredrika Bremer and the journey to Cuba that transformed her life. Feel free to join the discussion with us on Tuesday, April 25, at 7 pm. We will meet at the home of Karen Darelus, 4455 N. Albany Ave. - #1N.



Wedding Invitation! Elizabeth Bleakley and James White would be honored to have you attend their wedding ceremony here at NPCC on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 12 pm. Michael Bucci will be walking his mother down the aisle. All three are excited to share this moment with you and hope you can join them. A cake reception will follow in the parlors.

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 new books for the library. In May, we will distribute a ballot with titles and short descriptions of several books so people can vote on the ones they would like to see added. To [give online](#), 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.

New Neighbor Training Opportunity! Last fall, NPCC began a partnership with Exodus World Service, an organization that works to mobilize the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees. We began by building a Welcome Pack for a family new to the U.S. That welcome pack has now been delivered, and we're hoping to take the next step in relationship with this family by going through New Neighbor Training. New Neighbor Training is a three-hour Zoom course, offered and led by Exodus World Service, which offers in-depth learning and activities to broaden a volunteer's understanding of who refugees are and how they get to the U.S., as well as what help they receive when they arrive. Learn about different cultures and how to navigate cross-cultural communication and friendship. This training, which prepares volunteers to engage with refugees, is a prerequisite for New Neighbor volunteers but is open to everyone. *A few members and friends of NPCC are already planning to be part of a training on Saturday, April 22, from 9 am to 12 pm. We'd love to have more participants.* If you're interested, please reach out to Pastor Libby, and she will share the information with you!

North Park Church Cooperative Preschool invites you to SpringFest! Come to the parlors on Saturday, April 22, between 10 am and 1 pm for a time to celebrate spring and our wonderful NPCCP community! There will be activities for kids, a raffle, and refreshments. The raffle will take place at 12:45 pm. Suggested donation is \$6, and all proceeds will benefit the preschool.

Bakers needed! If you would be willing and able to make some baked goods for a bake sale at the Preschool's SpringFest fundraiser, it would be greatly appreciated! Baked goods must be nut-free and should be brought to the Preschool between 8:30 am and 2 pm on Friday, April 21. If you are able to bake something, please let Preschool Administrative Director [Becky Edwards](#) know. Thank you for supporting the Preschool in this way!

One of the privileges we share as a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church is representation at our denomination's decision-making meetings. We want to send representatives to the annuals meetings of both our conference and our denomination. We can send up to four 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!

All are invited to attend a progressive dinner on Sunday, May 7, after worship. We will have a number of homes within walking distance of the church, ready to serve you appetizers, salads, and entrees, and we will all return to church for dessert together. If traveling by foot is difficult for you, we will also serve a meal in the church parlors. Please [fill out this form](#) by Monday, April 17, so we know how many people to prepare for. We look forward to sharing in food and fellowship in this fun and different way!

The text for today's choral anthem is as follows:

My Song Is Love Unknown
John Ireland, arr. James Kirkby
Words: Samuel Crossman

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need, his life did spend.

Here I might stay and sing, no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Join us for two all-church community events!

Saturday, June 3 from 3:30-5:30

Bowling Night

Avondale Bowl, 3118 N. Milwaukee Avenue

\$12/ person or \$45 per family (If you need shoes, that is an additional \$4/person.)

RSVP by Wednesday, May 31, [by clicking here](#).

Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30

Chicago Dogs Game, Rosemont

Join us to watch as the Chicago Dogs take on the Gary-Southshore Railcats

Tickets are \$16/person (infield, box seats)

RSVP by Thursday, August 3, [by clicking here](#).

All are welcome! Come for fun and fellowship, laughter, and some relationship building! (And, if money is an issue, no worries! Just let Pastor Libby know.)

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The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, April 17

- 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 18

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Young Adult Gathering (Staff Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 19

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 6 pm *gather* Dinner (Parlors)
- 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 pm Middle-school Youth Group (Middle-school Youth Room)

Thursday, April 20

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

Friday, April 21

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)

Saturday, April 22

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10 am NPCCP SpringFest Fundraiser (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 4 pm Reed Group Piano Lesson - Private (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 23

- 9 am Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
- 9:15 am Adult Formation (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Congregational Annual Meeting Part 2 (Sanctuary)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- 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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