



**NORTH PARK**  
COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 23, 2023  
+ THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER +

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PRELUDE

More Love to Thee  
arr. Tom Fettke  
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

CHORAL INTROIT

Now the Green Blade Rises (244, verse 3)  
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

\* CALL TO WORSHIP 840

Psalms 116:1-4; 12-17

\* OPENING HYMN 249

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

\* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Light  
Craig Courtney

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though evildoers assail me, when adversaries attack me, they stumble and fall.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though an army besiege me, though war break out against me, my heart will not fear.

One thing I ask, one thing I seek of the Lord:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His dwelling;  
and He will set me high upon a rock.  
Then shall my head be exalted above my enemies round about me;  
I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid?  
The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light!

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

Tony Pizarro, Reader

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

1997 Sovereign Grace Worship (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Dominic German, Anders Johnson, Samantha Johnson, and Brian Ward

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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

Joe Clifton, Piano

He Lives

\* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 3

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 757

Abide with Me

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude on "Truro"


arr. Mary McDonald

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

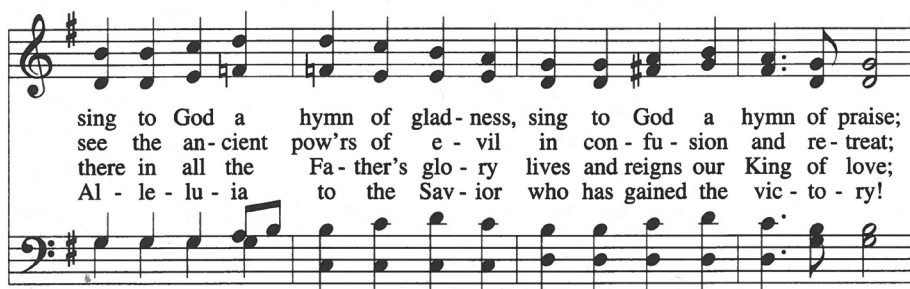
## Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-17

- I     <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD,  
because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”
- II    <sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?  
<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,  
<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.  
<sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup>I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the LORD.

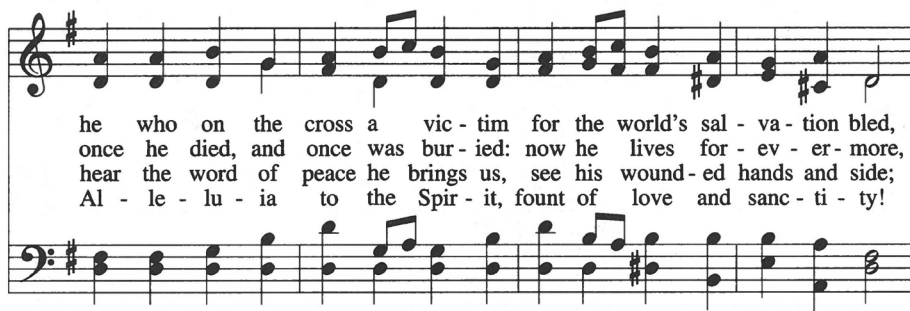
## 249 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat;  
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
 see the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry!



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,  
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side;  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
 now let ev - 'ry wrong be end - ed, ev - 'ry sin be cru - ci - fied.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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.

# Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -



plea, A great high Priest whose name is love who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in, Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my  
ness, The great un - change - a - ble I Am the King of glor - y and of



me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause a sin - less Sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His



heart, I know that while in heav - en He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part,  
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don me,  
blood, my life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Sav - ior and my God,



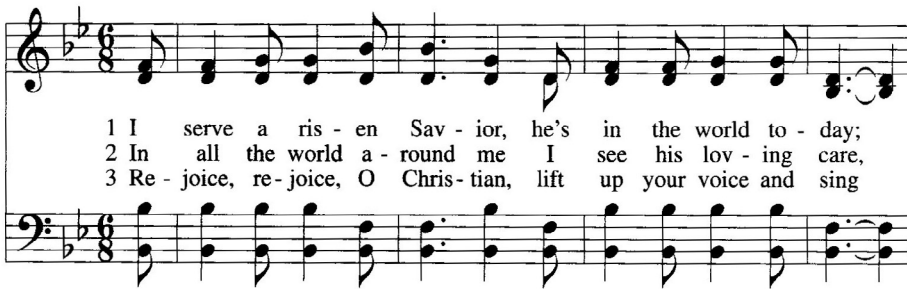
no tongue can bid me thence de - part. Ha - le - lu -  
to look on Him and par - don me.  
with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.



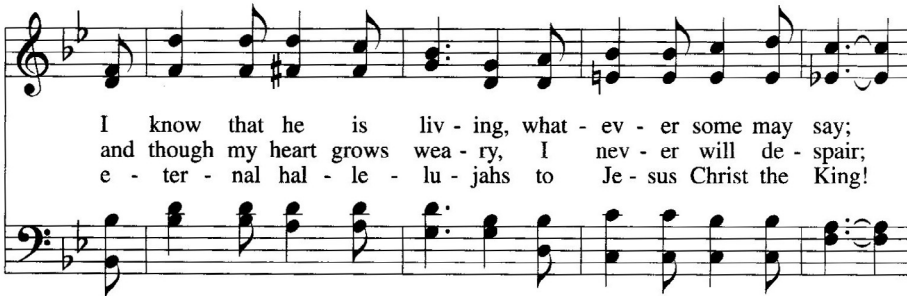
jah, Ha - le - lu - jah, Praise the one ri - sen son of God.



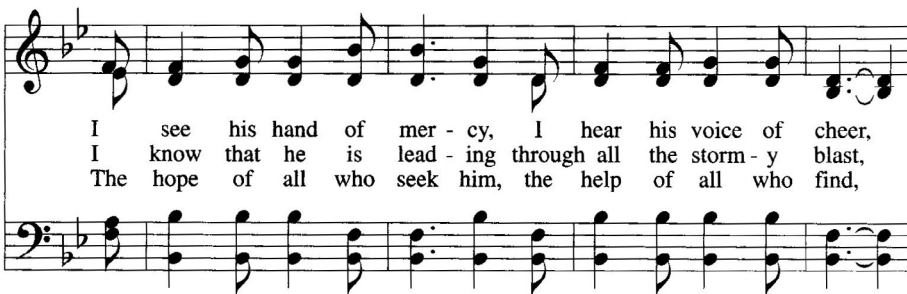
## He Lives



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!



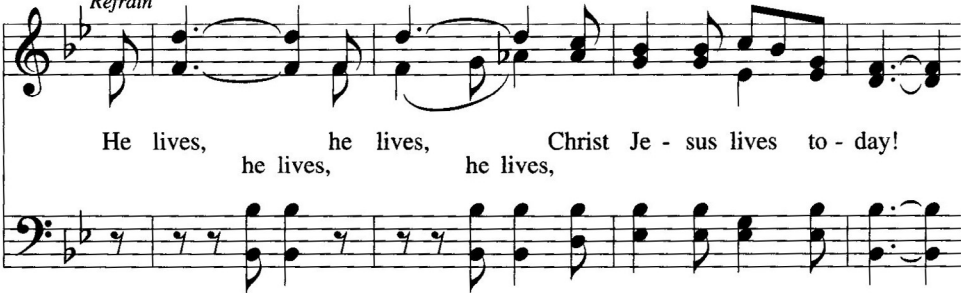
I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,




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

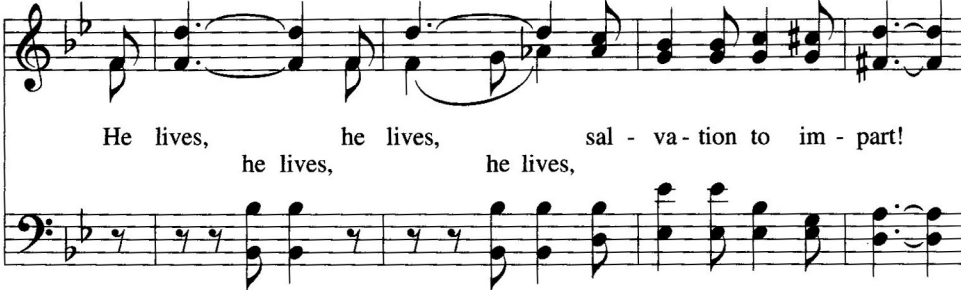
*Refrain*



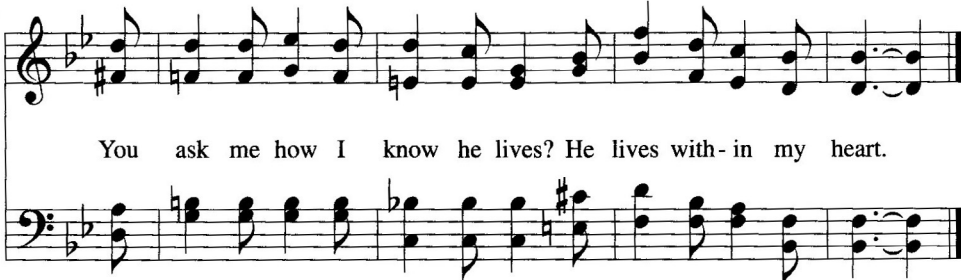
He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
he lives, he lives,



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.

# Abide with Me

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1 A - bide with me—fast falls the e - ven-tide; the dark-ness deep-ens—  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow dim, its  
 3 I need your pres-ence ev - 'ry pass-ing hour; what but your grace can  
 4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless; ills have no weight and  
 5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos-ing eyes; shine thro' the gloom and

Lord, with me a - bide; when oth - er help - ers fail and com-forts  
 glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a - round I  
 foil the temp-ter's pow'r? Who like your-self my guide and stay can  
 tears no bit - ter - ness; where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to-  
 point me to the skies; heav'n's morn-ing breaks and earth's vain shad-ows

flee, help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 see; O Lord who chang - es not, a - bide with me.  
 be? Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 ry? I tri - umph still if you a - bide with me.  
 flee; in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me. A - men.

WORDS: Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847, alt.  
 MUSIC: William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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 EVENTIDE

# *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, March 23
- **family and friends of Roger Nelson**, who passed away 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, undergoing chemo for malignant brain tumors
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating well following surgery to remove a tumor on his brain
- **Chloe Johnson**, diagnosed with lupus
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Barbara**, awaiting word from doctors about the potential amputation of one of her feet due to diabetes and neuropathy
- 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...



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

**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.

**Progressive Dinner deadline extended!** All are invited to attend a progressive dinner on Sunday, May 7, after worship. We will have homes within walking distance of the church, ready to serve you appetizers, salads, and entrees, and we will 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 Sunday, April 30, so we know how many people to prepare for. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship in this fun and different way!

**CLON Spring Sale!** You are invited to peruse a variety of baked goods, crafts, jewelry, residential art, and woodwork at Covenant Living of Northbrook's Spring Sale on Saturday, May 20, from 10 am to 3 pm. Proceeds are used to provide grants toward advanced education for the graduating seniors from the dining staff. Funds are also given to Northbrook Police, Fire, Library, and Township Food Pantry. The sale will take place in the Fellowship Center (2625 Techny Road, Northbrook, IL). Cash or check only.

**Join us for two church community events!** Come for fun and fellowship, laughter, and some relationship building! (And, if money is an issue, no worries...just let Pastor Libby know.)

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

Bowling Event (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, [here](#).

*Wednesday, August 9, at 6:30 pm*

Chicago Dogs Game (9850 Balmoral Ave., Rosemont, IL 60018)

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, [here](#).

**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.

**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!

## The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at [www.npcovenant.org/calendar](http://www.npcovenant.org/calendar) and is updated as changes occur.

### Monday, April 24

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

### Tuesday, April 25

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### Wednesday, April 26

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

### Thursday, April 27

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

### Friday, April 28

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)
- 4 pm Girl Scouts (Gym)

### Saturday, April 29

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 12 pm Bleakley/White Wedding (Sanctuary)
- 1 pm Bleakley White Wedding Reception (Parlors)

### Sunday, April 30

- 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)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
- 2 pm Cole Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 3 pm Cole Memorial Service Reception (Parlors)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

## North Park Covenant

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Latin America

### Welcome Statement

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*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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