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PRELUDE

Reflection on “Bradbury”
arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL INTROIT

Now the Green Blade Rises (244, verse 4)
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP 791, with sung response 2

* OPENING HYMN 407

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Using *sins*)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

Kay Olson, Reader
Acts 2:42-47 (p. 886)

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25 (p. 984)

* Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10 (p. 872)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response 246, verses 1 and 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

CHORAL ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus
Derek Hakes

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

CELEBRATING OUR HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jeanette Mottl

Maja Applequist

Wesley Edstrom

Ana Peterson

Harry Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Shepherd

Bart Millard, David Crowder, Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes

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Led by Dominic German, Colleen Griggs, Emma Hunter,

Kristen Hunter, Anders 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 at www.npcovenant.org/online-giving

Offertory

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

arr. Paul Johnston

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 489

I Have a Friend Who Loveth Me

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven

arr. John F. Wilson

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

Shepherd

David Crowder



The Lord, my por - tion I shall not want. The Lord, my com - fort
The Lord, my keep - er I stand se - cure. The Lord, my heal - er



I shall not fear. Yea, though I walk through the val - ley low, yea, though the path gets
Your love en - dures.



steep, Sure-ly good - ness will fol - low me, e-very pro - mise will be
Third time, back to "Surely goodness"



light to my feet. When my heart is prone to wan - der - ing, Je - sus, You shep - herd



me. me, and I will dwell for all my days in the



shad - ow of Your re - lent - less grace. And I will dwell for



all my days in Your pre - sence, Your pre - sence. Sure - ly

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Welcome to North Park Covenant Church!

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, on March 23
- **family and friends of Roger Nelson**, who passed away on March 18
- **Tracee Lundeen**, Jim and Jan's daughter-in-law, undergoing chemo for malignant brain tumors
- **Chloe Johnson**, diagnosed with lupus
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating well following surgery to remove a tumor on his brain
- 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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The May issue of *The Narthex*, our monthly newsletter, was emailed out this past Friday, and paper copies are available for pick-up today. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the church office, and she will be happy to add you to the distribution list.

A memorial service for Claire Cole will be held in our sanctuary this afternoon at 2 pm, followed by a reception in the parlors. All are invited to come honor and celebrate the life of this servant of God.

Today is the Progressive Dinner deadline! All are invited to attend a progressive dinner on Sunday, May 7, after worship. We will have homes in walking distance of the church, ready to serve appetizers, salads, and entrees, and we will return to church for dessert together. If traveling by foot is difficult, we will serve a meal in the parlors. ***Please RSVP to the church office by the end of the day today, April 30.*** We look forward to sharing food and fellowship in this fun and different way!

Help the church library celebrate the 125th anniversary of North Park Covenant Church! Let's 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 descriptions of books people can vote on for inclusion in the library. To give online, use Special Gifts with "library" typed in the optional memo field. If giving by check, write "library" on the memo line. ***Today is the deadline for donations that will count toward this goal.***

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 help provide grants toward advanced education for the graduating seniors from the dining staff, and 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.

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 contact Ann Marie Strom at 773-725-2815. If everyone in the church signed up for two dates, we would be covered for a long time!

Join us for a time to craft together! On Saturday, May 6, and Saturday, May 20, we invite you to spend some time crafting and fellowshiping together. Come to the parlors from 1-2:30 pm, and either bring your own project (needlepoint, embroidery, cross-stitch, crocheting, knitting, or what-have-you!) or let Kristen Hunter (jandkhunter@me.com) know by Wednesday, May 3, if you would like her to order an embroidery kit (similar to those pictured) for you. Light refreshments will be served. Come to one or both days! And if you can't make it on either of these dates, don't worry! We'll do this again sometime in the not-too-distant future. Suggested donation: \$5

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.)

Bowling Event (Avondale Bowl, 3118 N. Milwaukee Avenue) Saturday, June 3, from 3:30-5:30 pm
\$12/person or \$45 per family (If you need shoes, that is an additional \$4/person.)
RSVP by Wednesday, May 31, using the link sent in our email or by contacting the church office.

Chicago Dogs Game (9850 Balmoral Ave., Rosemont, IL 60018) Wednesday, August 9, at 6:30 pm
Tickets are \$16/person (infield, box seats).
RSVP by Thursday, August 3, using the link sent in our email or by contacting the church office.

Do you enjoy hymns and congregational songs? Do you enjoy discussing theology? Are you interested in helping to create a supplement to the blue hymnal? The following request comes from Rev. Dr. Todd Johnson, pastor at First Covenant Church in Seattle:

When I last served a Covenant Church, I was using the red hymnal. I have used the “new” blue hymnal since it was released and have always appreciated what it offers for worship. However, a hymnal has a shelf-life of a generation, or about 20 years. Our current hymnal is going on 27 years, and now having used it as a worship resource for two years, some of it feels a bit dated, both in its language and in its offerings.

[At the advice of a colleague, I am hoping to write a grant to] create a supplement for the current Covenant Hymnal for First Covenant. The funds would be used for the gathering of resources, for research and meeting expenses, but mostly to subsidize the publication of this volume to make it easier for churches to afford to purchase it. In order to make this idea become a reality, we need a small committee (10 or less) to work on this task. I would be glad to serve as a consultant but would not need to be on the committee. I would, however, be glad to work with 2-4 members of this group to write the grant proposal and have it submitted by October 15, 2023.

If you are interested in being a part of this team, please let Pastor Libby or Pastor Jeff know, and they will put you in contact with Todd. This could be a really fun project of which to be a part!

Anniversary Artifacts Removed for a Time: The church artifacts that have been on display for the past few months have been taken down and moved to the church office to make room for some events that will take place in the parlors over the next few weeks. If you would like to retrieve any artifacts you loaned, please call the church office and coordinate a time with me to come and do so. If you would like to leave your items for future displays, that's fine, too.

It's time to clear out the Lost and Found! If you have lost something and wonder if it might be at church, please stop by the church office and let me know what you're looking for. Items not claimed by May 30 will be donated or tossed. Thank you!

Uniting Voices Chicago invites you to attend any and all of their upcoming events. A listing of events and links to more details can be found at www.unitingvoiceschicago.org/upcoming-events

Our Covenant camps are hiring for the summer!

- Covenant Harbor (Lake Geneva, WI) is still in need of counselors ages 18 and over for overnight camps. They also have several specialty roles that need to be filled. Please reach out to program director Emma Mueller at emueller@covenantharbor.org for more information.

- Covenant Point (Iron River, MI) has a variety of staff and intern positions available. Please reach out to director Erik Strom at erik@cpbc.com about internships, and visit www.cpbc.com/staffopenings to learn more about summer staff and work crew opportunities.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!
Amen.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, May 1

- 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, May 2

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, May 3

- 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, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)

Saturday, May 6

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10 am NPCCP BYO Picnic (South Garden)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 1 pm Sew Together Crafting Time (Parlors)

Sunday, May 7

- 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)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

Today's cover image is "I Am Your Good Shepherd" (2018),
Acrylics on wood, MSSP Oratory, Birkirkara Malta, David Schembri

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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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