



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings (81)
arr. Brian Ward
Maja Applequist, Violin
Scott Applequist, Viola
Linnea Applequist, Cello

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP 797, with sung response

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

* OPENING HYMN 464

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though my body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! I know that my Redeemer lives.
Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face;
now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.
Alleluia! Alleluia! I know that my Redeemer lives.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Robert Johnson, Reader

Easter Season Acts Reading

Acts 7:55-60

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

* Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response 246, verses 1 and 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski

HOMILY

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music

I Am the Bread of Life (557)
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (560)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Christ Is Alive! Alleluia!

Michael Helman

Chancel Handbell Choir, Dominic German, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 441

A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Come, Risen Lord (558, verses 1 and 2)

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary on "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
John G. Barr

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

RESPONSE

God is our for- tress and our rock, our might- y help in dan - ger.

- I ¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

RESPONSE

- II ³You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

RESPONSE

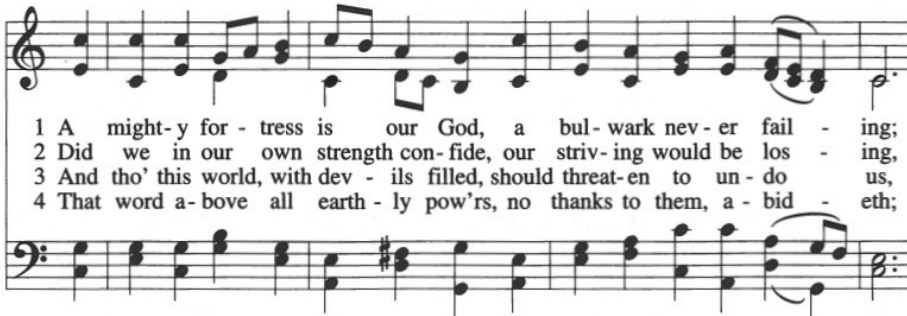
- ALL ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

RESPONSE

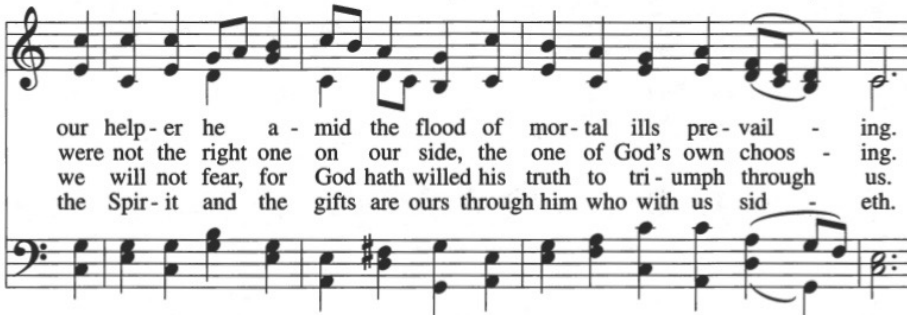
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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

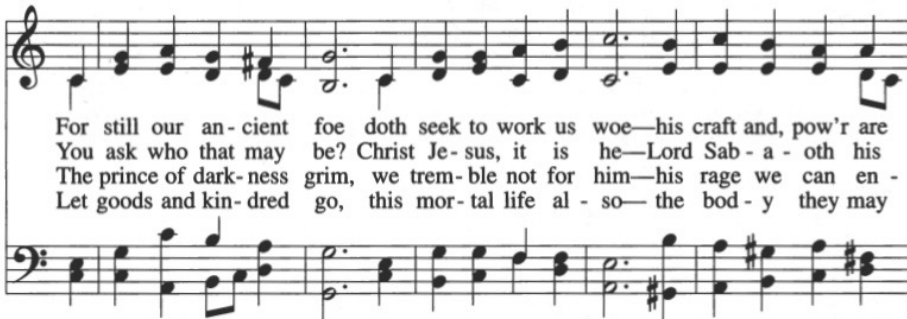
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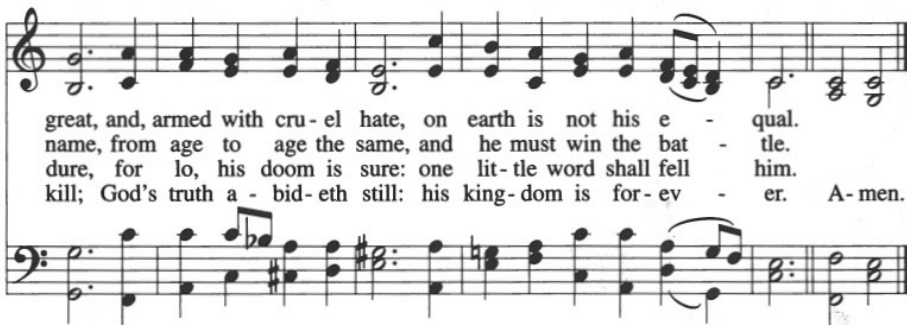
1 A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3 And tho' this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



our help - er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right one on our side, the one of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us.
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe—his craft and, pow'r are
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he—Lord Sab - a - oth his
 The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him—his rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so—the bod - y they may



great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still: his king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

Who You Say I Am

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

Who am I that the high-est king would wel - come me? I was lost, but He brought me in, oh His

love for me Oh, His love for me! Who the Son sets free, oh is

free in - deed. I'm a child of God, Yes, I am!

Free at last, He has ran-somed me His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Je-sus

died for me. Je-sus died for me! Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed, I'm a

child of God, Yes, I am! In my Fa - ther's house, there's a place for me. I'm a

child of God, Yes, I am! I am cho - sen, not for - sa - ken. I am who You say I am. You are

for me, not a - gainst me, I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am. Who the

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note and an eighth note. The bass staff accompaniment features chords and moving lines.

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody ends with a quarter note and a half note. The bass staff accompaniment ends with a final chord. The system concludes with a double bar line.

441 A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord

1 A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord, a
 2 A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord, he
 3 With num - ber - less bless - ings each mo - ment he crowns and,
 4 When clothed in his bright - ness trans - port - ed I rise to

won - der - ful Sav - ior to me; he hid - eth my soul in the
 takes all my bur - dens a - way; he lifts up my life, and I
 filled with his full - ness di - vine, I sing in my rap - ture, "O
 meet him in clouds of the sky, his per - fect sal - va - tion, his

cleft of the rock, where riv - ers of pleas - ure I see.
 shall not be moved, he gives me new strength ev - 'ry day.
 glo - ry to God for such a Re - deem - er as mine!"
 won - der - ful love, I'll shout with the mil - lions on high.

Refrain He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shad - ows a

ASSURANCE IN DOUBT

dry, thirst-y land; he hid-eth my life in the depths of his love, and

Chords: G, C, Dm/F, F

cov-ers me there with his hand, and cov-ers me there with his hand.

Chords: C/G, G, C/G, G7, C, G/D, C/E, F, C/G, G7, C

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

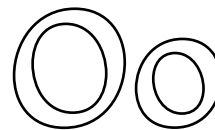
We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Tom McCullough**, anticipating heart surgery
- **CYAK**, as they prepare for upcoming camps
- Elizabeth Petersen's stepson, **Robert Petersen**, on hospice and nearing end of life
- **Chloe Johnson**, diagnosed with lupus
- **Tracee Lundeen**, Jim and Jan's daughter-in-law, undergoing chemo for malignant brain tumors
- Barbara Nordlund's parents, **Dwight and Sue Samuelson**, continuing on their respective health journeys

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



Vacation Bible School registration begins tomorrow, May 8! Vacation Bible School 2023 is fast approaching! Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to come to our church from 9 am to 12 pm each day during the week of June 12-16, with an extended celebration and lunch on Friday. The cost is \$25/child. Children must be potty-trained. The registration link will be available on the church website starting tomorrow morning!

We need your prayers, your help, and your donations! A list of supply needs will come soon, but as always, we are so very grateful for your prayers of support and your hands-on help with this important summer ministry. We will need 40 individuals to guide kids or help in a workshop (anybody in 6th grade or older is welcome!).

Please contact Pastor Libby if you are interested and willing to help in any way! You need not be available to help all week. Email her at lpiotrowski@npcovenant.org or call the church!

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 go 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.

Opera West! presents Potpourri of Song: On Sunday, May 21, at 4:30 pm, you are invited to our sanctuary to hear a concert of opera, musical theatre, pop, rock, and jazz sung by students of *Opera West!* founder Janice Pantazelos, with Sharon Peterson as accompanist. All profits go to *Opera West!*, a not-for-profit company offering productions of the great operas at an affordable price. Suggested donation: \$20 (If you let them know you're a member of the church, you may attend for free.)

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, May 21, to vote on new member applicants.

Anna Kim, Covenant missionary to Asia, will be in the US this summer and is looking for a car to borrow for about a month, June 20-July 20. Anna has been driving for over 35 years and has an accident-free record! If you have a car you are willing to lend her, please reach out to Pastor Libby.

Jochy Hernandez in concert: On Sunday, May 28, Jochy Hernandez will be our guest preacher during morning worship. Along with his wife, Tammi, Jochy serves as a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church's global personnel. You are also invited to a concert featuring Jochy and our very own Central Conference Superintendent Danny Martinez the evening before. The concert will take place at 6 pm on May 27 in Anderson Chapel on the campus of North Park University and will be a benefit for Casa Guatemala Orphanage. No tickets required!

Join us for two all-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](#).

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

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, May 8

- 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 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

- 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, May 11

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

Friday, May 12

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)

Saturday, May 13

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 6 pm Senior Banquet (Parlors)

Sunday, May 14

- 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)

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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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