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PRELUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine
arr. Michael Helman
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter

CHORAL INTROIT

Spirit of the Living God (276)
Chancel Choir, Charles Olson, Directing

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 286

Let Every Christian Pray

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from the *Covenant Book of Worship*

This is the day which Jesus promised: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

**Left side: God's love has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
whom God has given us.**

*Right side: We know that we live in God and God in us,
because God has given us the Spirit.*

Left side: The Spirit of the Lord now fills the whole world.

Right side: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**ALL: May the people of all nations of the earth praise you. Come, Holy Spirit,
come among us and refresh us, that we might glorify the Lord!**

* INVOCATION

Jochy Hernández

CHORAL ANTHEM

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Gordon Young

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.
Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends Thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JP DeNeui, Reader

Numbers 11:24-30

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

MESSAGE

Jochy Hernández

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Be Unto Your Name

Gary Sadler, Lynn DeShazo

1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Colleen Griggs, Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson, and Brian Ward

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

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

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow (273)

Colleen Griggs, Clarinet

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 284

God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. David Paxton

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

Let Every Christian Pray

1 Let ev - 'ry Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - 'ry
 2 The Spir - it brought to birth the Church of Christ on
 3 Al - ways the Spir - it strove to teach her how to
 4 On - ly the Spir - it's pow'r can fit us for this

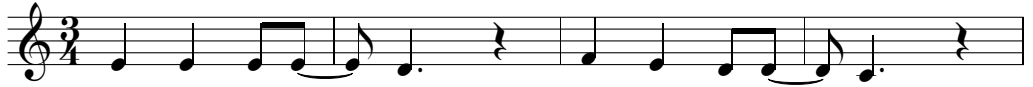
day: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was
 earth to seek and save the lost: and
 love: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come; age
 hour: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come; in -

not the Church we love com - mis - sioned from a -
 nev - er has with - drawn, since that tre - men - dous
 af - ter age, a - new she proved the Gos - pel
 struct, in - spire, u - nite, and make us see the

bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 dawn, those gifts at Pen - te - cost.
 true: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 light: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! A - men.

Be Unto Your Name

Lynn Deshazo and Gary Sadler



We are a mo - ment. You are for - e - ver.
We are the bro - ken, You are the heal - er.



Lord of the a - ges, God be - fore time.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, migh - ty to save.



We are a va - por. You are e - ter - nal.
You are the love song we'll sing for - e - ver.



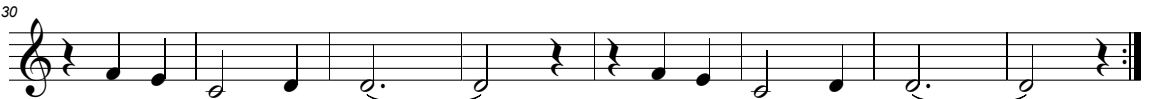
Love e - ver - last - ing, reign - ing on high.
Bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God, Al - migh - ty. Wor - thy is the



lamb who was slain. High - est prais - es, ho - nor and glo - ry



be un - to Your name. Be un - to Your name.

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

ADORATION AND PRAISE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures
here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle

1 God, whose pur- pose is to kin- dle, now ig- nite us with your fire.
 2 God, who still a sword de- liv- ers rath- er than a plac- id peace,
 3 God, who in your ho- ly Gos- pel wills that all should tru- ly live,

While the earth a- waits your burn- ing, with your pas- sion us in- spire.
 with your shar- pened word dis- turb us, from com- pla- cen- cy re- lease!
 make us sense our share of fail- ure, our tran- quil- li- ty for- give.

O- ver- come our sin- ful calm- ness, rouse us with re- demp- tive shame.
 Save us now from sat- is- fac- tion, when we pri- vate- ly are free,
 Teach us cour- age as we strug- gle in all lib- er- at- ing strife.

Bap- tize with your fi- ery Spir- it, crown our lives with tongues of flame.
 yet are un- dis- turbed in spir- it by our neigh- bor's mis- er- y.
 Lift the small- ness of our vi- sion by your own a- bun- dant life.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- Nancy Ebner's mother, **Margaret Johnson**, on hospice care
- **family and friends of Fred Holmgren**, who passed away on May 24
- **Tom McCullough**, recuperating following a successful heart procedure on May 23
- Barbara Nordlund's father, **Dwight Samuelson**, anticipating an esophagectomy on June 6
- **Elizabeth Petersen and family**, mourning the passing of her stepson, Robert Petersen, on May 15

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



This morning, we welcome to the pulpit José Hernández. Also known as Pastor Jochy and Iron-Heart, he is a Dominican-born pastor, missionary, rapper, and dancer. He became a follower of Jesus at the age of 10. At age 15, José learned he had been adopted and, for a time, turned from God's ways. In 2010, he reconciled with God and became involved in urban ministry, forming the first dance choreography ministry in Santiago, Dominican Republic. In 2012, he underwent an operation in which his aortic valve was replaced with a mechanical valve. It was through this process that his stage name, IronHeart, came to be. This pseudonym allows him to tell others of the amazing way God worked in his life, giving him a second chance to live and to serve Him. José and his wife, Tammi Biggs de Hernández, are members of the Evangelical Covenant Church's global personnel, co-pastoring Tal Como Soy (Just as I Am), the first Evangelical Covenant Church in the Caribbean and the first hip-hop church in the Dominican Republic. A house-based church, its emphases are on ministering to those who have been rejected—openly or covertly—by the traditional church and building family. Tammi and Jochy have two amazing children, Arthur Isaac (7) and Hope Eliana (5). To learn more about their ministries, [click here](#).

Join us for a Town Hall! Our church leadership is hopeful that NPCC will be receiving some good financial news in the next couple of months, and we'd love to share that news with you and enter into conversation as a church family as to where we might go from there. Please join us for the final *gather* dinner of the programmatic year (please RSVP by Monday, May 29, [using this link](#)) and stay for the Town Hall. Dinner will begin at 6 pm, and the Town Hall will begin at 6:30 (with a time certain end of 7:45 pm). A Zoom link will be provided for those unable to be present in person.

Adult Formation has taken a break from their Sunday morning study of the weekly news for the summer, but our subscription continues. If you would like to receive an email with the lesson each week, please contact Christine Olfelt at olfelt@sbcglobal.net.

It's time to clear out the Lost & Found! If you have lost something and wonder if it might be at church, please stop by the church office and let Ann-Marie know what you're looking for. Items not claimed by Wednesday, May 31, will be donated or tossed. Thank you!

Get reading this summer! The church library invites all kids to join in The Great Summer Reading Challenge. Have fun reading on the beach, to a pet, on a swing, or wherever! Summer reading challenge sheets are available in the parlors. Turn in your completed sheets at a time to be announced.

Vote for your favorite books! Adults and teens, you have the opportunity to let us know what books you would like to see in the library. You may [vote online here](#) or via paper ballot, available in the parlors. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$855, and we would like your input on which types of books we should add to the library. All ballots must be completed and turned in by Friday, June 2. Books will be chosen, purchased, and added to the collection over the summer, and a list of new books will be published in *The Narthex* in the fall.

Vacation Bible School planning is well underway! We are still need of your help, in all sorts of ways:
1. If you have volunteered to help already, thank you! If you haven't volunteered but have been considering it, please let Pastor Libby know. We can use all the help we can get, even if you can't be there the whole week. Anyone in 6th grade and older is welcome as staff. There are three dates set for volunteer meetings; please mark your calendars:

Tuesday, May 30, at 7 pm **OR** Wednesday, June 7, at 7 pm
(Please plan to attend one of these first, identical meetings.)

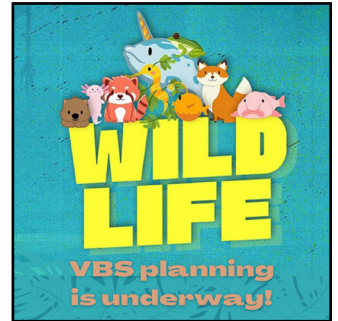
AND

Sunday, June 11, at 6 pm – Set-up/decorating
(All volunteers should attend.)

2. Please take a look at the needs list, [which can be accessed here](#). There are many things we need. If you are willing and able to donate items, please bring them to the church office as you are able. (If you'd like to see a hard copy of the list, just let Libby or Ann-Marie know!)

3. Please continue to pray for the children and the staff as they prepare for the week of VBS. Pray that the week would be one of fun, excitement, and energy... and a week in which these kids can come closer to the God who loves them so very much!

Finally, if you haven't yet registered your child/ren for VBS, now is the time! [Click here to sign up!](#)



Architectural Tour Reprise! The architectural tours held in April were so well received, we wanted to offer one more for anyone who wasn't able to attend either of those. Dave and Carol Schlensker will walk you through the history of our lovely facilities, focusing on various building features and stories. Topics will include stories behind our sanctuary's stained glass, as well as understanding the major building additions made in the 1960s and 2000s. The tour, which will last about an hour, will be offered on Sunday, June 4, soon after the worship service ends. Availability is limited, so [please register soon!](#) The tour will begin at the front of the sanctuary.

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 Ave.)

\$12/person or \$45/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 Baseball Game (9850 Balmoral Ave., Rosemont, IL)

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

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

Our annual start-of-summer block party will take place on Sunday, June 11, immediately following outdoor worship! Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Entertainment for the kids and fellowship for all! *Church members:* If your last name begins with A-J, please bring a side dish. If it begins with K-Z, please bring a dessert. (Please bring enough for your family plus an additional 10.) Bring a neighbor and friend from another block!

What do the lamp in your basement, that pair of slacks you only wore a few times, and the toddler toys that have been stored in your attic for decades have in common? They are all items that can be donated to (and subsequently sold at) the North Park Covenant Church Rummage Sale! Here's your chance to:

- Clean out the stuff that has been accumulating in your home!
- Donate sellable items and/or your time and energy!
- Put your organization skills to good use!
- Have an enjoyable time working with others in the church on a project!

And for the bakers in the group... we just might have a baked goods area that could use your talent!

The Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2023! Between now and then, we will be looking for people interested in being on the Rummage Sale Committee. We will also be collecting items and storing them at church. So, as you do your spring cleaning, keep us in mind! We will take almost anything we can resell! Questions? Contact Susan Dawson at dnsdawson@aol.com.

From the Board of Community Concern: According to the *New York Times* (May 10, 2023), "Open-armed Chicago Feels the Strains of Migrant Influx: Asylum seekers are pouring in at a fraught moment... (our) shelters are full, and a pandemic-driven restriction at the southern border is expected to end." We have partnered with the North River Commission (NRC) to collect [items found on this list](#). Pastor Libby has placed a box in the narthex to collect items. Our first drop-off to the NRC is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, after church. For more information, please contact Mark Schukas at mjschukas@aol.com. Thank you!

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day - Office Closed

- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 30

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm VBS Meeting (Parlors)

Wednesday, May 31

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
4 pm Reed Piano Recital Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm Last *gather* Dinner of the Season (Parlors)
6:30 pm Town Hall Meeting (Parlors/Zoom)

Thursday, June 1

- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
3:30 pm All-church Bowling Event (Avondale Bowl - RSVPs Required by May 31)

Sunday, June 4

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
12:30 pm Architectural Tour (Sanctuary)
4 pm Reed Piano Recital (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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