



**NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH**

JUNE 25, 2023
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PRELUDE

Fantasy on “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Dan Edwards
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 69

According to your abundant mercy, O God, turn to me.

Your love, O Lord, is steadfast and good.

When the waters have come up to my neck, and there is no foothold,

your love, O Lord, is steadfast and good.

Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord God of hosts.

Your love, O Lord, is steadfast and good.

As for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.

At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

Your love, O Lord, is steadfast and good. You are never far away.

Thanks be to you, O God.

* OPENING HYMN 549

I Believe in You, Lord Jesus

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gaius Berg, Reader

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Ann Boyd, Soprano

Carol Olfelt, Soprano

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Jireh

Chandler Moore, Chris Brown, Naomi Raine, Steven Furtick

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Led by Jeff Hunter, Kristen Hunter, 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

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

arr. Victor Labenske

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 447

Stand by Me

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

arr. Lani Smith

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

I Believe in You, Lord Jesus

549

1 I be - lieve in you, Lord Je - sus, as God's be - lov - ed Son.
 2 Let me take your way, Lord Je - sus, and keep your cross in view,
 3 I be - lieve and I will fol - low through ev - 'ry day and hour.

I trust you for sal - va - tion, your great a - tone - ment's done.
 be bur - ied in your like - ness, and rise to walk with you.
 Bap - tize me with your Spir - it, with ho - li - ness and pow'r.

Help me for - sake sin's plea - sures and all its e - vil ways.
 Oh, wash me in the foun - tain that flows for ev - 'ry race.
 Yes, I be - lieve, Lord Je - sus. Your fol - l'wer I will be,

May I be ev - er faith - ful to you through all my days.
 Re - deem and cleanse and par - don, and save me by your grace.
 and while your Spir - it guides me I'll serve you loy - al - ly.

WORDS: Mary Stoner Wine, 1885-1959

MUSIC: *Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693, adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

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A lower setting can be found at 272.

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

Jireh

Chandler Moore, Chris Brown, Naomi Raine, Steven Furtick



I'll never be more loved than I



am right now was-n't holding You up so there's nothing I can do to let You down It



does-n't take a tro - phy to make You proud I'll never be more loved than I am right



now Going through a storm but I won't go down I hear Your voice



car-ried in the rhythm of the wind to call me out You would cross an o - cean so



I would-n't drown You've ne-ver been clos-er than You are right now

20

Ji - reh, You are e-nough Ji - reh, You are e-nough I

24

will be con-tent in e - very cir - cum - stance Ji - reh, You are e-nough

27

I don't wan-na for-get how I feel right now on the moun-tain-top

30

I can see so clear what it's all a - bout Stay by my side when the

33

sun goes down don't wan-na for-get how I feel right now.

36

Ji - reh, You are e-nough Ji - reh, You are e-nough I

40

will be con-tent in e - very cir - cum - stance Ji - reh, You are e-nough

44

If He dres - ses the lil - lies with beau - ty and splen - dor

47

How much more will He clothe you? How much more will He clothe you? If He watch - es o - ver

50

e - ver-y spar-row How much more does He love you? How much more does He love you?

53

If He dres - ses the lil - lies Ji - reh, You are e-nough

56

Ji - reh, You are e-nough I will be con-tent in e -

59

- very cir - cum-stance Ji - reh, You are e-nough

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.

Stand by Me

1 When the storms of life are rag - ing,
 2 In the midst of trib - u - la - tion,
 3 In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;
 4 In the midst of per - se - cu - tion,
 5 When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble,

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 when I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble,

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world is toss - ing me, like a ship up - on the sea,
 host of hell as - sail, and my strength be - gins to fail,
 done the best I can, and my friends mis - un - der - stand,
 foes in war ar - ray un - der - take to stop my way,
 life be - comes a burden, and I'm near - ing chil - ly Jordan,

thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter,
 thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle,
 thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.
 thou who sav - ed Paul and Si - las,
 O thou Lil - y of the Val - ley,

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Indigo, Ivy, and Nilsa**, away at camp this week
- **Fran Fostey**, preparing to move to California to be close to a sister who is facing health challenges
- **Andy Johnson** and family, mourning the passing of his father, Vern Johnson, on June 15
- **the family of Jane Wiberg**, who passed away on Monday, June 19
- **Tracee Lundeen**, receiving chemo for metastatic cancer at U of I Hospital
- **Roderick Smith**, for increased trust in God, for wisdom and patience in his parenting, and for peace as he prepares to retire at the end of the next academic year
- Barbara Nordlund's father, **Dwight Samuelson**, facing some challenges in his recovery after an esophagectomy on June 6
- **Nancy Ebner and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Margaret Johnson, on May 30
- **family and friends of Fred Holmgren**, who passed away on May 24

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



The summer issue of *Hoy Con Dios*, the Spanish-language counterpart to our denomination's devotional, *The Covenant Home Altar*, has arrived and is available for pick-up in the narthex today.

The North River Commission is appreciative of all the donations that have come in thus far for migrants coming to our area, especially baby-related items. We will continue to collect donations [from this list](#) on an ongoing basis, and we'll keep you informed on what is most needed.

A memorial service for Fred Holmgren will be held on Sunday, August 6, at 2 pm in our sanctuary. All are invited to share in this time of remembering Fred.

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.

Join us for another all-church community event! On Wednesday, August 9, at 6:30 pm, we invite you to join us as we watch as the Chicago Dogs take on the Gary-Southshore Railcats at Impact Field (9850 Balmoral Ave., Rosemont, IL). Tickets are \$16/person (infield, box seats). RSVP by Thursday, August 3, [by clicking here](#). All are welcome!

Covenant Harbor invites you to worship by the lake this summer! Each Sunday from June 18 through August 6, worship will begin at 10:30 am, followed by a light, grilled lunch (for purchase) and a chance to swim for a couple of hours. For more details and to view the preaching schedule, [please click here](#).

Covenant Point's 2023-24 Fall Retreat Registration is now open! You are invited to join them at a fall retreat or Christmas Camp. For more information or to sign up, [please click here](#).

The text for today's special music is as follows:

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.

O blessed are they that hope and trust in him.

We are collecting items for 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 organizational skills to good use, and have an enjoyable time working with others in the church on a project!

And for the bakers... 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.

Staff Away:

- Pastor Libby will be away from June 25 through July 2.
- Pastor Jeff will be away from June 27 through July 1.
- Ann-Marie will be away from June 28 through July 2.

If you find yourself in need of pastoral care while the co-pastors are away, please reach out to Tim Johnson at 773-273-5426.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, June 26

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, June 27

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 28

- 8 pm Medina Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, June 29

- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, July 1

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, July 2

- 10:30 am Worship (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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