



**NORTH PARK  
COVENANT CHURCH**

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PRELUDE

Holy King  
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheyenne Johnson  
Psalm 89:1-2

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**  
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

\* OPENING HYMN 422

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

\* 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

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Be the Center  
Michael Frye  
1999 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Integrity Music)  
Led by Anders Johnson and Brian Ward

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading  
New Testament Reading

Brad Thompson, Reader  
Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

\* Gospel Reading  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Cheyenne Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come to the Table

Mark Alan Schoolmeesters

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Anders Johnson and Brian Ward

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music

Nearer, Still Nearer

arr. Lani Smith

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Create in Me a Heart of Love

Tracey Craig McKibben

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 697

Here in the Busy City

\* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Richard Carlson

POSTLUDE

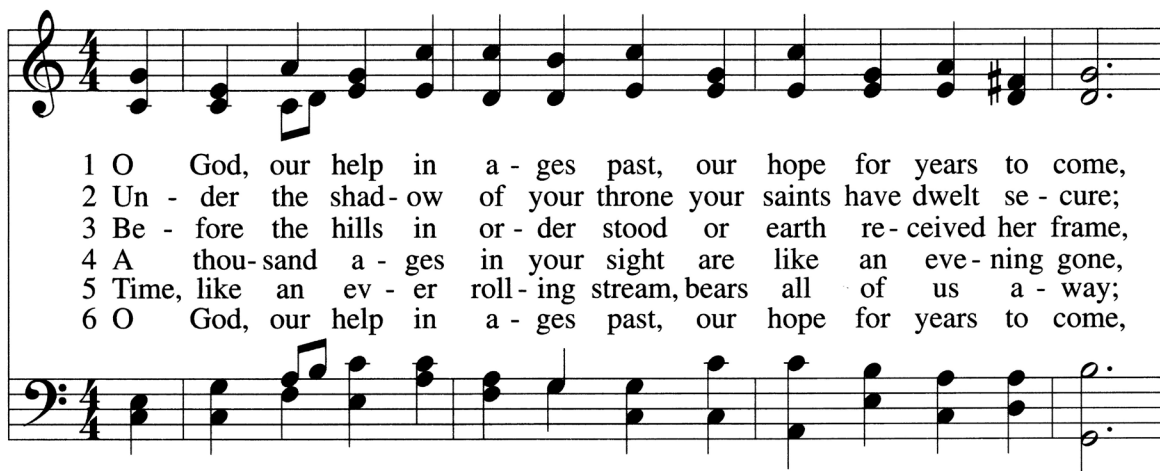
Trumpet Tune

John Stanley

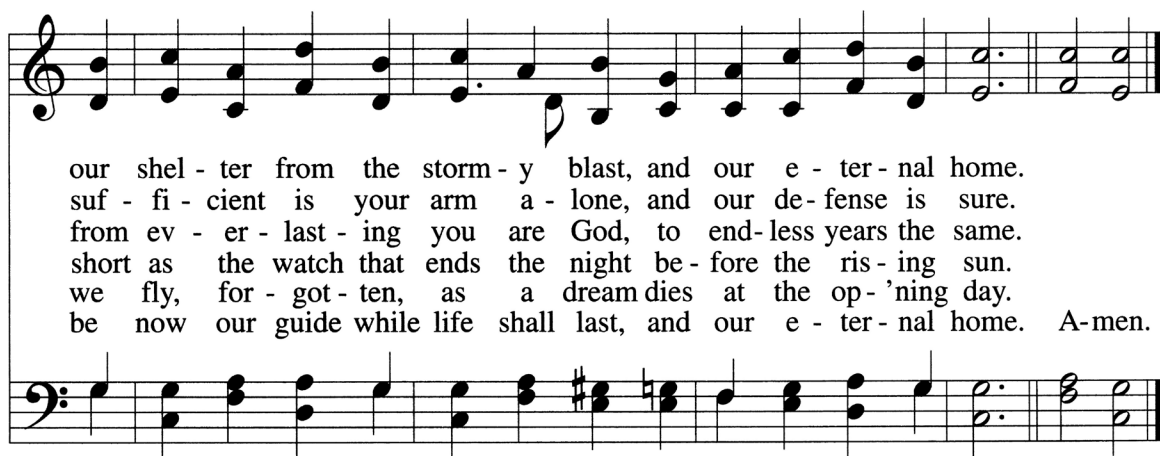
*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

422



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
5 Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all of us a - way;  
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - 'ning day.  
be now our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home. A - men.

WORDS: Based on Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
MUSIC: Attrib. William Croft, 1678-1727

C.M.  
ST. ANNE

# Be the Center

Michael Frye



Je - sus,                    be the cen - ter.                    Be my source,  
Je - sus,                    be the cen - ter.                    Be my hope,  
Je - sus,                    be my vi - sion.                    Be my path,

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be my light,                    Je - sus.  
be my song,                    Je - sus.  
be my guide,                    Je - sus.



Be the fire                    in my heart.                    Be the wind                    in these sails.



Be the rea - son                    that I live                    Je - sus



Je - sus

## 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.

## Here in the Busy City

1 Here in the bus - y cit - y now let the Church be seen  
 2 In pol - i - cies and plan - ning the Church be there to speak  
 3 Where lit - ter chokes the gut - ter and peo - ple go to waste,  
 4 Here in the bus - y cit - y God walks on ev - 'ry street

where less - er gods are wor - shiped in mon - ey and ma - chine;  
 to mod - er - ate the pow'r - ful, to ar - gue for the weak:  
 where job - less - ness is bit - ter and liv - ing lost its taste—  
 in gen - er - ous or greed - y, the hon - est or the cheat,

where news is but sen - sa - tion, the good news hard - ly heard—  
 where law must sit in judg - ment and love is lit - tle known,  
 to un - der - leav - ened peo - ple be proof of ris - ing yeast,  
 and dai - ly we must of - fer the good that goes un - priced

now let the Church take ac - tion in liv - ing out the Word!  
 there at the cri - sis cen - ter the Christ con - cern be shown.  
 in lives de - void of fla - vor be salt - i - ness re - leased!  
 with vig - or and with vi - sion—the life - style of the Christ.

# The Lord Bless You

Rick Carlson



The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to



shine up - on you and be gra - cious, gra - cious, gra - cious to



you. The Lord lift up his coun - ten-ance up - on



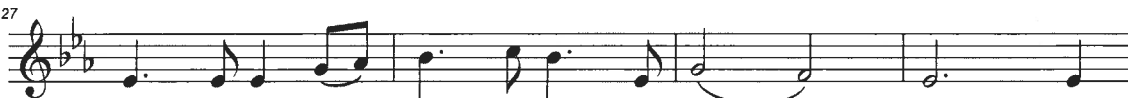
you and give you, give you, give you peace. The



Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine up - on you and be



gra - cious, gra - cious, gra - cious to you. The



Lord lift up his coun - ten-ance up - on you and



give you, give you, give you peace.



# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

## *We're glad you're here.*

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **Sebastian**, away at camp this week
- **Linda Townsend**, recently hospitalized after a fall in which she injured her right leg and experienced complications due to a blood thinner
- **Fran Fostey**, moving to California to be close to one of her sisters, who is facing health challenges
- **Andy Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of his father, Vern Johnson, on June 15
- **the family of Don Helander**, who passed away on June 24
- **Tracee Lundeen**, receiving chemotherapy
- **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**, recuperating after successful surgery on June 27

### Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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

Xx / Yy / Zz

**Today we welcome to the pulpit Cheyenne Johnson.** Cheyenne is a student in North Park Theological Seminary's School of Restorative Arts (SRA) program. Last summer, she and her family moved to the neighborhood and began attending North Park Covenant Church. She has been involved in multiple ministries including children's and youth, working with vulnerable women in Chad, Africa, and people experiencing homelessness in Aurora, IL. She is currently a teaching assistant with the SRA and will be a Crux Formation Coordinator with North Park University this fall.

**The church office will be closed** on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day

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

**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!

**The North River Commission is appreciative** of all the donations 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.

**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](mailto:dnsdawson@aol.com).

**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 to attend, [click here](#).

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### **The Church Calendar This Week**

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

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#### *Monday, July 3*

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

#### *Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed*

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

#### *Wednesday, July 5*

- 8 pm Medina Basketball (Gym)

#### *Thursday, July 6*

- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

#### *Saturday, July 8*

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

#### *Sunday, July 9*

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)



*Please keep this insert close by and refer to it as you are directed in today's sermon.*

