



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

We Gather, We Praise
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Sunwoo Lee, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP 811, with sung response

Psalm 65:5-13

* OPENING HYMN 494

O Let Your Soul Now Be Filled with Gladness

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sims*)

* 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 of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Martha Berg, Reader

Isaiah 55:10-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG 524

Thy Word

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

SPECIAL MUSIC

Your Love Never Fails

Anthony Skinner, Chris McClarney

2008 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Integrity's Alleluia! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Out of the Cave Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Anders and Samantha Johnson

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

You Crown the Year

Brooke Ligertwood, Reuben Morgan

Hillsong Worship 2013, (on behalf of Praise Music, Inc.);
Canzion Group (Publishing), Capitol CMG Publishing

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 529

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

PRAYER OF SENDING FOR THE DEROUSSE FAMILY

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me
arr. Sunwoo Lee

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

Psalm 65:5-13

RESPONSE

Praise the Lord, his glo-ries show, al - le - lu - ia!

ALL ⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
 O God of our salvation;
**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the farthest seas.**
⁶By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
⁷You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.
⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
**you make the gateways of the morning and the evening
 shout for joy.**

RESPONSE

ALL ⁹You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
**the river of God is full of water;
 you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.**
¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
 the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

RESPONSE

Words: Henry F. Lyte
 Music: Robert Williams

494 O Let Your Soul Now Be Filled with Gladness

1 O let your soul now be filled with glad-ness, your heart re-deemed, re-
 2 If you seem emp-ty of an-y feel-ing, re-joice—you are his
 3 It is a good ev-'ry good tran-scend-ing that Christ has died for

joyce in - deed! O may the thought ban - ish all your sad-ness that
 ran-somed bride! If those you cher - ish seem not to love you, and
 you and me! It is a glad - ness that has no end - ing there -

in his blood you have been freed, that God's un - fail - ing love is yours,
 dark as - sails from ev - 'ry side, still yours the prom - ise, come what may,
 in God's won - drous love to see! Praise be to you, O spot - less Lamb,

that you the on - ly Son were giv - en, that by his
 in loss and tri - umph, in laugh - ter, cry - ing, in want and
 who through the des - ert my soul are lead - ing to that fair

death he has o-pened heav-en, that you are ran-somed as you are.
 rich-es, in liv-ing, dy-ing, that you are pur-chased as you are.
 cit-y of joy ex-ceed-ing, for which you bought me as I am.

Singing was prominent in the services of the early Covenanters. The whole congregation would join in the unaffected and beautiful songs which were willingly led by brothers and sisters who had the gift. At the conclusion of the sermon it seemed as if the singing would not end. A verse, or perhaps only a refrain, would be repeated again and again until the words were impressed upon our minds and "joy stood high on the ceiling!"

C.M. Youngquist, 1851-1901

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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

Thy Word

E \flat *B \flat /D* *E \flat* *A \flat /C* *B \flat /D*

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my

E \flat *Fine* *B \flat /D* *Fm* *Cm* *Gm*

path. 1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for-get your love for me and yet my

A \flat *B \flat* *A \flat /E \flat* *E \flat* *B \flat /D* *Fm*

still you're there right be-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as
heart for-ev-er is wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide and

Cm *Gm* *A \flat* *B \flat* *C2sus* *C* *B \flat 2* *A \flat /B \flat* *D.C. al Fine*

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. _____
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. _____

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 two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and harmonic support.

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

The third system of music concludes the piece. It includes a double bar line at the end of the melody and accompaniment.

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Al- might- y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not our sly, sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick - 'ning grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold, the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

WORDS: Based on Luke 8:11-15, John Cawood, 1775-1852
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1812

C.M.
BELMONT

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center** (Swanzy, NH), estimating losses after storms devastated buildings and property last week
- **Jim and Jan Lundeen and family**, mourning the passing of their daughter-in-law Tracee, on July 8
- **Carol Schlensker and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Vera McLaughlin, July 4
- **Linda Townsend**, recuperating after a fall in which she suffered a contusion in her right leg
- Rosemary Slaughter's cousin Joanie's husband, **Larry Mykesell**, got his foot caught in a mower and may need to have some of his toes amputated
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Aurora**, who fell and is now unable to use her arm
- Barbara Nordlund's father, **Dwight Samuelson**, struggling with motivation to eat and feeling anxious about gaining mobility

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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

Bb

The rose at the front announces the birth of Makayla Elise Rose De La O Finney, born June 28, to Naomi Finney and Juan De La O. Makayla's delivery was difficult, but she and Naomi are both doing well. Janice Finney is her proud grandmother. Congratulations to the Finney and De La O families!

Stop by the church library this week to check out a book or two for summer reading. While you are there, browse the table of "free books" across from the desk. Included are books that have been pulled from the collection as well as donated books that the library can not use. You may just find a treasure!

From the Nome mission team: Thank you very much for supporting our upcoming mission trip to Nome, Alaska, August 1-9. With your generous gifts, we have raised more than twice our goal of \$1,000! Funds in excess of our food and supply costs will be used to buy gifts for the Ventress family and to support their ministries in Nome. Thank you, dear church family and friends!

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.

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!

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! As you do your summer reorganizing, keep us in mind! We will take almost anything we can resell! Questions? Contact Susan Dawson at dnsdawson@aol.com.

Covenant Point invites you to participate in a silent, directed retreat this coming fall. Retreat options are as follows:

2-Night Option A: Sept 22-24, 2023

2-Night Option B: Sept 24-26, 2023

4-Night Option (by registering for both)

In one of David's Psalms, we hear God say, "Be still and know that I am God." Covenant Point's silent, directed retreat offers an opportunity to spend a weekend in prayerful silence with about 25 other people who are also seeking to focus their attention on listening for God's voice. Pricing and details at www.cpbcc.com/silent-retreat.

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, [please click here](#).

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

Your Love Never Fails

Anthony Skinner, Chris McClarney

Nothing can separate, even if I try to run away, 'cause your love never fails.
I know I still make mistakes, but you have new mercy for me everyday,
and your love never fails.

Refrain: You stay the same through the ages. Your love never changes.
There may be pain in the night but joy comes in the morning.
And when the oceans rage, I don't have to be afraid,
because I know that you love me, and your love never fails.

The chasm is far too wide. I never thought I'd reach the other side,
but your love never fails.
The wind is strong and the water's deep, but I'm not alone in these open seas,
'cause your love never fails. *Refrain*

You make all things work together for my good.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, July 19

- 8 pm Medina Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, July 20

- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 23

- 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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