



**NORTH PARK**  
**COVENANT CHURCH**

JULY 23, 2023  
+ THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

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PRELUDE

Seek Ye First  
arr. Tom Keene  
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christine Olfelt  
based on Psalm 86

Our God is a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry.

**Our God is filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.**

Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth.

**We give thanks to you, O Lord our God.**

Let us come and worship God together,

**for great is His love toward us!**

\* OPENING HYMN 71

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

\* 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.**

Louise Hedstrom, Reader

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Build My Life

Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple,

Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

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WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn

Brooke Fraser

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Maria and Brian Ward

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Pepper Choplin

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 342

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional

John Turner

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner and more grac-es for the good;  
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;  
 4 If our love were but more sim-ple, we would take him at his Word,

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.  
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.  
 and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Fredrick W. Faber, 1814-1863  
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée, 1858-1913

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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*

# Build My Life

Patt Barrett, Matt Redman, Brett Younker, Kirby Maple, Karl Martin



Wor - thy of e-v'ry song we could e-ver sing Wor - thy of all the praise



we could e-ver bring Wor - thy of e-v'ry breath we could e-ver breathe, we live for You



Je - sus the name a - bove e-v'ry o-ther name



Je - sus the on-ly one who could e-ver save Wor - thy of e-v'ry breath



we could e-ver breathe, we live for You. Oh, we live for You.



Ho - ly, there is no one like You; there is none be - side You. O - pen up my eyes in won - der, and



show me who You are and fill me with Your love and lead me in Your love to those a - round me.

25

29

33

I will build my life u - pon Your love; it is a firm foun - da - tion.

37

I will put my trust in You a - lone, and I will not be sha - ken

41

Ho - ly, there is no one like You; there is none be - side You. O - pen up my eyes in won - der, and

45

show me who You are and fill me with Your love and lead me in Your love to those a - round me.

49

I will build my life u - pon Your love; it is a firm foun - da - tion.

53

I will put my trust in You a - lone, and I will not be sha - ken.

## 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. The melody ends with a final cadence, and the accompaniment provides a solid harmonic base for the concluding phrase.

342      **Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord**

1 Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our  
 2 Sin and de - spair, like the sea - waves cold, threat - en the soul with  
 3 Dark is the stain that we can - not hide— what can a - veil to  
 4 Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt! Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - pour'd—  
 in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er— yes, grace un - told—  
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide—  
 all who be - lieve! You who are long - ing to see his face,

*Refrain*

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,  
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - ve - lous grace,  
 whit - er than snow you may be to - day.  
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace,  
 in - fi - nite grace, mar - ve - lous



GRACE THROUGH FAITH

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Grace Through Faith". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

grace, God's grace, grace that is great-er than all our sin!  
grace, in - fi - nite grace,

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

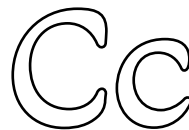
## *We're glad you're here.*

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **Hannah, Mark, and Sophie**, away at family camp this week
- **Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center** (Swanzy, NH), estimating losses after recent storms devastated buildings and property
- **Carol Schlensker and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Vera McLaughlin, July 4
- **Jim and Jan Lundeen and family**, mourning the passing of their daughter-in-law Tracee, on July 8
- **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**, recuperating after getting his foot caught in a mower
- 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...



### **Staff away:**

- Pastor Jeff will be away from July 22 through August 4.
  - Pastor Libby will be away from July 28 through August 5.
- Peter Sjoblom is available for any pastoral needs from July 28 through August 2 and can be reached at 773-307-8846.
- Ann-Marie will be away from July 27 through August 2.

**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.

**There's still time to RSVP for the Chicago Dogs game!** 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!** 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! The Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2023! As you do your summer reorganizing, keep us in mind! Questions? Contact Susan Dawson at [dnsdawson@aol.com](mailto:dnsdawson@aol.com).

**From Lori Johnson, church librarian:** Stop by the church library this week to check out a book or two for summer reading. While you're 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 the library can not use. You may just find a treasure! Also, a number of new books have been purchased with the funds raised. Look for a table with some of these books during coffee hour this Sunday.

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

### **Hymn**

*Brooke Fraser*

If to distant lands I scatter, if I sail to farthest seas,  
would you find and firm and gather 'til I only dwell in Thee?  
If I flee from greenest pastures, would you leave to look for me?  
Forfeit glory to come after 'til I only dwell in Thee?

If my heart has one ambition, if my soul one goal to seek,  
this my solitary vision 'til I only dwell in Thee.  
That I only dwell in Thee.  
'Til I only dwell in Thee.

**Covenant Point and Grace Covenant Church (Iron River, MI) invite you** to participate in the 41st Annual Dusty Larson Memorial Golf Tournament, on Monday, July 31, at Young's Golf-Recreation-Dining. Golfers may sign up as individuals or with a four-person team. The cost is \$100 per person for either an individual or four-person scramble, and early registration will be helpful to the committee as they plan this year's event. The fee includes cart, lunch, prizes, and fun!

Non-golfers are invited to participate in the Dusty Larson Memorial Golf Tournament as hole sponsors. For a donation of \$25 or more, hole sponsors may write a message for their sign, which will be displayed on the golf course for all to see!

Proceeds from the tournament will be divided equally between Covenant Point Bible Camp and Town & Country Ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Visit [www.gccir.org/golftournament](http://www.gccir.org/golftournament) for more details or to register!

**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](#).

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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 24*

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

### *Tuesday, July 25*

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Wednesday, July 26*

- 8 pm Medina Basketball (Gym)

### *Thursday, July 27*

- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

### *Saturday, July 29*

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

### *Sunday, July 30*

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

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### Welcome Statement

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*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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