

NORTH PARK COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

I Love to Tell the Story arr. Tedd Smith Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeanette Mottl and Anders Johnson

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeanette Mottl from Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

* HYMN 485

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

- * INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using sins)
- * PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Is Love

Chris Renzema, Christian Hale, Patrick Mayberry, Seth Condrey

2020 Centricity Songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Music At North Point (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Jeanette Mottl and Brian Ward

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Maria Ward, Reader Genesis 29:15-28

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm

2012 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by Ayden Hunt, Sunwoo Lee, Jeanette Mottl, and Brian Ward

MESSAGE Anders Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option here.

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

William B. Bradbury

- * Doxology 48
- * Prayer of Presentation

* HYMN 435

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

PRAYER FOR ALASKA MISSION TRIP TEAM

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D William Selby

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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I Stand Amazed in the Presence



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

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Ligthelm

















Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48



435 Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment





Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online! We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- Nome mission trip participants: Lori Johnson, Christine and Joel Olfelt, Michael Shawn Sanders, Kristen Starr, Sue Vandervoort
- Barbara Nordlund's father, **Dwight Samuelson**, recuperating after outpatient surgery to have a stent, which had dislodged and traveled to his stomach, removed; no new stent was needed
- Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center (Swanzey, NH), reopening their youth camp, Camp Squanto, this week

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



- Carol Schlensker and family, mourning the passing of her mother, Vera McLaughlin, on July 4
- the Lundeen family, mourning the passing of Jon's wife, Tracee, on July 8
- Rosemary Slaughter's cousin Joanie's husband, Larry Mykesell, on a long road of healing after getting his foot caught in a mower
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend Aurora, unable to use her arm after a fall

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. The service will be livestreamed, using the same link we use for our online worship services: <u>live.npcovenant.org</u>.

Cookie bakers are needed for Fred Holmgren's memorial service Sunday, August 6. If you're available to bake cookies, please contact Keith Chase-Ziolek at kchaseziolek@yahoo.com or 312-420-4828. Thank you!

From Church Librarian Lori Johnson: 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't use. You may just find a treasure! Also, a number of new, member-selected books have been purchased, processed, and placed on the shelves of the library.

The deadline to order Chicago Dogs tickets is drawing near! 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're collecting donations 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 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 summer reorganizing, keep us in mind! We will take almost anything we can resell! Questions? Contact Susan Dawson at dnsdawson@aol.com.

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

God Is Love

Chris Renzema, Seth Condrey, Christian Hale, and Patrick Mayberry

How great this love! Oh, it's moving all my mountains.
This perfect love, it's casting out my fear.
How great this love! Oh, it welcomes me like family.
And anywhere I go, it meets me there.

He is good, and He is God. What I earned, it's not what I got. And He is just, yet, oh, so kind. What I deserve, it's not what I find. What more could I say about Him? My God is love.

How great this love! Oh, it's faithful through my failures.

This trusted love is with me 'til the end.

How great this love! Oh, it's closer than a brother.

This is love: He died so I could live.

I know my God is love. This is enough, to know my God is love.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

(20	Monday, July 31
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)
	Tuesday, August 1
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
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	Wednesday, August 2
8 pm	Medina Basketball (Gym)
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	Thursday, August 3
8:15 pm	Swanson Basketball (Gym)
	Saturday, August 5
8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
	Sunday, August 6
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
2 pm	Holmgren Memorial Service and Reception (Sanctuary and Parlors)
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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