



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

AUGUST 13, 2023
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PRELUDE

Andante and Trumpet Tune
Domenico Gabrieli
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

* CALL TO WORSHIP 822, verses 8-13, with sung response

* OPENING SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
John Wyeth, Robert Robinson
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* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sims*)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jim Meyer, Reader

1 Kings 19:9-18

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dear Father of All Humankind (397)
John Greenleaf Whittier and C. Hubert Parry
Robert Johnson, Baritone

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

O Lord, You're Beautiful
Keith Green

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Led by Ayden Hunt, Sunwoo Lee, 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

Jesus, I Am Resting
Jean Sophia Pigott
arr. Ovid Young

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 408

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Standing in the Need of Prayer
arr. Anthony Giamanco

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

RESPONSE



The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas-es; great is your faith-ful-ness.

- I ¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.
³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- II ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.
⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
⁶Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

RESPONSE

- I ⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.**
⁹Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- II ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
¹²The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

RESPONSE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson
Fernando Ortega



Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
Here I raise to thee an al - tar, hith - er by thy help I'm
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



5
grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at
be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to



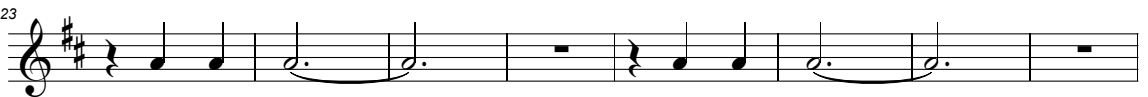
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praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of
thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



13
bove. Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing
God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious
love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a -



17
love. Here's my heart.
blood.
bove.



23
Here's my heart. Here's my heart.



31
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

O Lord, You're Beautiful

Keith Green

O Lord, You're beau - ti - ful. Your
(O) Lord, my faith is small and
(O) Lord, please light the fire that

face is all I seek, and when Your eyes are
I need a touch from You. Your book of books lies
once burned bright and clear Re - place the lamp of

1.
on this child Your grace a - bounds to me. O
un - dis - turbed and the prayers from me too
my first love that burns with ho - ly

2. 3.
few. I want to take Your word and shine it all a-round but first help me
fear.

just to live it Lord. And when I'm do - ing well, help me to

ne - ver seek the crown for my re - ward is giv - ing glo - ry to You O

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 features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff uses chords and single notes to support the vocal line.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The bass staff also concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

408

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y— hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand:
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
 bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more (want no more), feed me till I want no more.
 shield (strength and shield), be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee (give to thee), I will ev - er give to thee. A - men.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **the owners of Taqueria Las Flores**, located on Foster Avenue, which suffered a devastating fire on Saturday, August 5
- **Blake and Gwyn Thomas**, who welcomed baby Della Anne on July 26
- Barbara Nordlund's father, **Dwight Samuelson**, home again in the hopes of a swifter return to health in a familiar environment
- **Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center** (Swanzy, NH), slowly reopening after storms severely damaged their property
- **Sheryl and Paul Noren**, missionaries in Congo, request prayer that Sheryl's knee heals well following surgery, that Paul remains healthy and isn't too overwhelmed by all he must accomplish, for Paul to receive the funds necessary to continue his work with the agricultural project, and for Fulani believers to continue to multiply
- **Craig Wickstrom**, missionary in Congo, requests that you pray that the planning for his September and November trips to Congo goes well

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



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, and/or 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 are 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 North River Commission is appreciative of the donations received for migrants coming to our area, especially baby items and gently used clothing and new undergarments and shoes in child and adult sizes. We will continue to collect [donations from this list](#) on an ongoing basis.

There is an ongoing need in the church for volunteers in childcare, ushering, and hospitality. If you are interested in helping out in any of these ways, [please click here](#) and fill in a couple of dates. If everyone in the church signed up for two dates, we would be covered for a long time!

You're invited to participate in the 2023 Biking for Congo Challenge, an annual peer-to-peer fundraising event to support UCare4Congo, the healthcare ministry fund of the Paul Carlson Partnership.

In DR Congo, some people must travel over 50 kilometers (31 miles) on a bicycle to a hospital while sick or injured. This often prevents people from seeking treatment. If they do make the difficult journey to a hospital, they often arrive to find that the hospital does not have enough medicines, clean water, trained healthcare workers, or even funds to help extremely poor patients.

How does the Biking for Congo Challenge work?

During the month of October, you are invited to join the effort to raise a collective annual goal of \$50,000 while having fun and staying active and healthy. These funds go toward:

- training healthcare workers in a variety of best practices and specialized medical trainings
- providing access to clean water in remote villages and health centers, which prevents many illnesses at the village level
- providing regular medicines and supplies, which are increasingly hard to find, and
- supporting patients who cannot afford medical care.

Here's how to get started:

1. Visit paulcarlson.org/biking4congo
2. Select "Become a Fundraiser". Choose if you will raise funds as an individual or a team.
3. Set a goal.
4. Make a plan to ride, walk, run, kayak, or swim 31 miles in October.
5. Invite family and friends to donate toward your goal.
6. [Order Biking for Congo t-shirts](#) at least a month in advance.
7. Share your updates with your supporters and with us here at NPCC.
8. Get moving in October and celebrate your success on PCP Sunday in November!

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

Jesus, I Am Resting

Jean Sophia Pigott

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.

I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,
for by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee.

Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.

Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.

I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, August 17

- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 20

- 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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