



# **NORTH PARK COVENANT CHURCH**

AUGUST 20, 2023  
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PRELUDE

Christians, We Have Met to Worship  
William Moore  
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter

\* CALL TO WORSHIP 813, with sung response

Psalm 67  
Sarah Hillabrant

\* OPENING HYMN 61

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

\* 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.**

Mary Chase-Ziolek, Reader

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Here's My Heart, Lord

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Louie Giglio

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MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

SPECIAL MUSIC

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive

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Kristen Hunter and Carol Olfelt, Soprano

Ann-Marie Frisk and Maria Ward, Alto

Brian Ward, Tenor

Robert Johnson, Baritone

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 at [www.npcovenant.org/online-giving](http://www.npcovenant.org/online-giving)*

Offertory

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 600

We Are God's People

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

arr. Pamela M. Robertson

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

## Psalm 67

## RESPONSE



Through all the world let 'ev-'ry na-tion sing to God, the King!

L <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

ALL <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

## RESPONSE

L <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

ALL <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

## RESPONSE

L <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

ALL <sup>7</sup>May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

## RESPONSE

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Music: Paul F. Liljestrand, ©1970 The Hymn Society

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 61

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so won-drous-ly reign - ing;  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you:  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 shel-t'ring you un - der his wings, and so gen - tly sus - tain - ing!  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him.

Come, all who hear; now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,  
 Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friends you.  
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him. A - men.

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*

# Here's My Heart, Lord

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Louie Giglio



Here's my heart, Lord

Here's my heart, Lord

Here's my heart, Lord



Speak what is true

I am found

I am Yours,



I am loved,

I'm made pure

I have life

I can breathe



I am healed

I am free

You are strong



You are sure

You are life

You en - dure

You are good



al - ways true

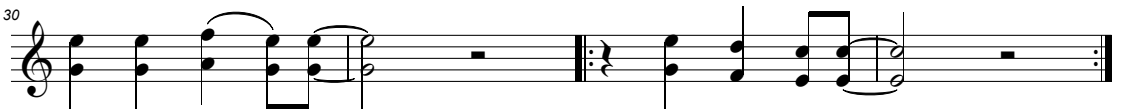
You are light

break - ing through.



Here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my life, Lord

Here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my life, Lord



Here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my life, Lord

Speak what is true.  
Speak what is true.

## 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 chordal structures, maintaining the hymn's steady and reverent character.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The melody ends with a final cadence, and the accompaniment provides a solid harmonic base. The lyrics are centered under the notes, and the system ends with a double bar line.



## We Are God's People

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*In unison*

1 We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,  
 2 We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,  
 3 We are the bod - y of which the Lord is head,  
 4 We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

born of his Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word. Our  
 for we have known it, the love of God out - poured. Now  
 called to o - bey him, now ris - en from the dead. He  
 formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace. We

cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand. Oh, let us  
 let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n. Oh, let us  
 wills us be a fam - i - ly di - verse yet tru - ly one. Oh, let us  
 die a - lone, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire; yet joined in

live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.  
 share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.  
 give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.  
 one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

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

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **students, teachers, and administrators**, as they go back to school
- **all those affected by wildfires in Hawaii**
- Barbara Nordlund's father, **Dwight Samuelson**, home from the hospital in the hopes of swifter recovery in a familiar environment
- **the owners of Taqueria Las Flores**, which suffered a devastating fire last week
- **Sheryl and Paul Noren**, missionaries in Congo, for Sheryl's recuperation after knee surgery, that Paul remains healthy, that Paul receives funds necessary to continue his work with an agricultural project, for Fulani believers to multiply, and for continued support of their ministry
- **Craig Wickstrom**, missionary in Congo, that the planning for his upcoming trips to Congo goes well, and for continued support of his ministry

### Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



**The Board of Community Concern is asking for your help in providing school supplies** for students at Hibbard Elementary School. A list of grade-by-grade needs can be found [here](#). Pencils, paper, and other items are available at Target and other stores. Your donations can be dropped off at the church office during the week. School starts tomorrow, August 21!

**Wedding Shower for Kirsten Anderson and Micah Lupa:** We'd love to have you join us to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Kirsten Anderson and Micah Lupa. An open house will be held at the home of Alyssa Anderson and Dave Holmes (5327 N. Christiana) on Saturday, September 16, from 11 am - 2 pm. Please RSVP to Alyssa at [alyssas.anderson@yahoo.com](mailto:alyssas.anderson@yahoo.com).

**Have you heard?** 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](mailto: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.

**Swedish Hospital Foundation will be hosting its annual benefit gala, *Around the World***, on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier. You are invited to join them by making a sponsorship gift or purchasing a ticket. Black tie preferred. Please RSVP by August 25, 2023. For more information, please visit [www.swedishhospitalfoundation.org/gala](http://www.swedishhospitalfoundation.org/gala).



**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.



### *Why bicycling, you ask?*

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:*

- Visit [paulcarlson.org/biking4congo](http://paulcarlson.org/biking4congo),
- select “Donate” or “Become a Fundraiser” (choose if you’ll raise funds as an individual or a team),
- set a goal,
- make a plan to ride (or walk, run, kayak, swim, or any other activity!) 31 miles (50km) in October,
- invite family and friends to donate toward your goal,
- [order Biking for Congo t-shirts](#) at least a month in advance,
- share your updates with your supporters, and
- ride in October and celebrate your success on PCP Sunday in November!

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

### **Is He Worthy?**

*Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive*

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.  
Do you wish that you could see it made anew? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.  
Is a new creation coming? It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
from every people and tribe; every nation and tongue.

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all this? He is!  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is!

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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, August 21*

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

### *Tuesday, August 22*

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Voice Placements (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Thursday, August 24*

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Voice Placements (Sanctuary)
- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

### *Saturday, August 26*

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

### *Sunday, August 27*

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

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

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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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