

# NORTH PARK COVENANT CHURCH

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**PRELUDE** 

This Is My Father's World arr. Chris Rice Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Building with Faithfulness

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski Sarah Hillabrant, for the Board of Community Concern

#### \* LITURGY OF PRAYER FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Gaius Berg

Gracious God, our Creator and the giver of all life, we praise you for your faithfulness to North Park Covenant Church these last 125 years, and we thank you for your many gifts.

### Help us to be good stewards of every gift.

We pray that Your Spirit will continue to lead us and grow us for the next 125 years.

As we embark on this Building with Faithfulness campaign, we give you thanks for the monies that have already been pledged and given.

Help us to be good stewards of every gift.

We ask for your continued guidance as decisions are made, contracts are signed, and the work begins.

Open our eyes to the power of the Gospel to transform our time, talent, and treasure; to transform us all by the good news of the gospel.

Bestow patience and wisdom on all who lead us.

It is our desire to share your boundless grace, love, and peace with our church, our community, and our world. For God's glory and neighbors' good.

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN 420

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

#### \* UNISON INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

from Psalm 25

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. To you we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in your truth and teach us. For you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust; the One on whom we wait, and the one who taught us all to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### \* 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.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

Grant Us Thy Peace Felix Mendelssohn Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

COMMUNION MEDITATION

\* RESPONSIVE HYMN HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table Words of Institution

Sharing in the Meal

Communion Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

- \* Doxology 48
- \* Prayer of Dedication

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

G Rescuer Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler, Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

2017 Capitol CMG Amplifier (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
Capitol CMG Paragon (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
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Led by Dominic German, Emma Hunter, Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

Libby Piotrowski

Ryan Wendt, Reader

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

Majesty

Ave Verum Corpus W.A. Mozart

arr. Gordon Young

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

\* PRAYERS FOR THOSE BIKING FOR CONGO

\* SUNG BENEDICTION

The Blessing

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

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POSTLUDE Postlude in F
Eric H. Thiman

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

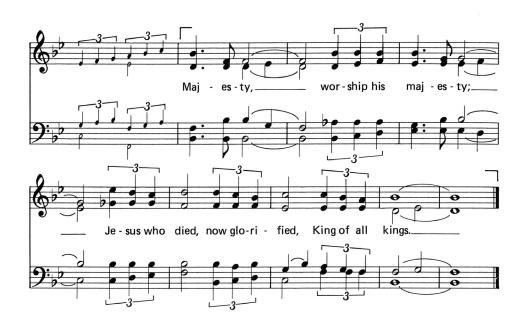
### Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

### 420





Irregular meter



# Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48



WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 MUSIC: attrib. Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-c.1561; arr. Genevan Psalter, 1551 L.M. OLD 100th (alt. rhythm)

# Rescuer

Bryan Fowler and Ben Hastings



# The Blessing

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick





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

### For your prayers this week:

- Kari Lindholm-Johnson and family, having recently learned that she has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer
- Corky Larson and family, mourning the passing of her husband, Paul, on September 20
- Jim Hosek, home from the hospital, but still with no answers as to the source of the pain
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, Tim Rohr, diagnosed with cancer, which has metastasized
- Barbara Nordlund and family, mourning the passing of her father, Dwight Samuelson, on September 2
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend Edgar Muniz, hoping to overcome obstacles so he can move to Chicago from Florida
- those affected by the hurricane and flooding in Libya, where the death toll now exceeds 11,300
- those affected by the earthquake in Morocco, where the death toll now exceeds 2,900

The October issue of *The Narthex*, our monthly newsletter, was sent via email on Friday, and there are a few paper copies available in the narthex. Please feel free to pick up a copy. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please reach out to Ann-Marie Frisk in the church office, and she will be glad to put you on the distribution list.

Our copies of Hoy Con Dios, the Spanish-language counterpart to the Covenant Home Altar daily devotional put out by the Evangelical Covenant Church, have arrived and are available for pick-up in the narthex. Please feel free to take a copy!

Who do you know? There are people who might want to donate to our Building with Faithfulness campaign but for whom we do not have contact information. Perhaps you know of someone who appreciates our church but has moved away or lost contact with our church. If you know of any such person(s), we want to send them information on the campaign. Please provide the contact information you may have to Ann-Marie Frisk at afrisk@npcovenant.org. Please submit any and all names and contact information you may be aware of, so everyone has an opportunity to be part of Building with Faithfulness. Thank you! - Brad Thompson, on behalf of the Building with Faithfulness Committee

The Friday-afternoon prayer group has resumed for the fall. Please feel free to join them in the north room prayer chapel/library on Fridays each week at 1 pm. For more information, please contact Sandy Edstrom at 773-504-9050.

# Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



**No Gather, middle-school youth group, or music rehearsals this week!** Everyone is invited to join us to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Libertyville (742 East Park Ave., Libertyville) from 7 to 8:45 pm. Those who would like to participate can meet for dinner at 5:30 at the Culver's down the road (803 E. Park Ave.) beforehand. *You can still sign up here until Monday, October 2.* If you need transportation assistance, please reach out to Jeanette Mottl or Pastor Libby.

**Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis** for childcare and hospitality! If you're able to help out in the toddler room or by serving refreshments after worship, please sign up <u>using this sheet</u>.

**Join us next Sunday for Intergenerational Sunday School!** Come to the parlors at 9:15 am for breakfast and a time to learn across the generations as we explore the world of C.S. Lewis's Narnia!

The Rummage Sale is almost here! There are several ways you can help. We need:

- rolling coat racks,
- hangers of all sizes,
- newspapers to wrap breakables,
- strong arms willing to help move furniture (this is a big need),
- people willing to help organize sets of like items for display, and
- bakers willing to bake goods for the coffee bar, which will be run by the youth group as a fundraiser for <u>Unite</u> (formerly CHIC) next summer. <u>Sign up here to bring baked goods!</u>

This work began on Tuesday, September 26, and will be done every day at various times. Don't know exactly what you want or can do? Just offer your help, and we'll find just the right place for your skills! Please reach out to Susan Dawson at <a href="mailto:dnsdawson@aol.com">dnsdawson@aol.com</a>. To sign up to volunteer, <a href="mailto:please click here">please click here</a>. If you have large items to donate, you may bring them to the church this coming week. Thank you!

The Friendship Center needs volunteers at an upcoming neighborhood event. The Friendship Center will benefit from 100 percent of gate proceeds at Oktoberfestiversary October 7 and 8, 2023! Volunteers are needed in 4-hour shifts to check IDs and collect the entrance fee/donation at each of three entrances. To sign up to volunteer, click here. Thank you for helping the Friendship Center feed our brothers and sisters in need.

Have you ever wondered how to have deep conversations with your Jewish and Muslim neighbors? Come join "Conversations between Jews, Muslims, and Christians around the Psalms", led by North Park University professor Boaz Johnson. We will be engaging with Afghan Bible Institute in Turkey, via Zoom. The discussion group meets in the large conference room on Saturday from 12 to 2 pm.

**Our church has a fantastic opportunity** to come together and welcome refugees to our community! Join Exodus World Service to learn more about Private Sponsorship, an exciting program that allows small groups to resettle refugees. Groups provide core services while building meaningful relationships with newcomers. Exodus is here to train and walk alongside us! To learn more or join an information session, visit <a href="mailto:exodusworldservice.org/sponsorship-info">exodusworldservice.org/sponsorship-info</a>.

**The North River Commission is appreciative** of the donations received for migrants coming to our area. A request has come in for new blankets, pillows, fall clothing, clothing for children ages 7+, and adult small/medium athleisure clothing for those who need shelter and something for sleeping outside, as the police stations cannot accommodate all who are arriving. We will continue to collect donations on an ongoing basis. Any donations may be put in or near the bin in the narthex.

The texts for today's choral anthem and communion music are as follows:

### **Grant Us Thy Peace**

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,
O source of ev'ry blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy Word,
all things in Thee possessing.
In Thee is our hope and safety.

### Ave Verum

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine;
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Jesus, word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the cross Thy sacred body for us was torn.

Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side.

Feed us with Thy body broken now and in death's agony.



## The Church Calendar This Week

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

	Monday, October 2
9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)
	Tuesday, October 3
8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, October 4	
10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
5:30 pm	Dinner at Culver's for Feed My Starving Children Meal Packers (803 E. Park Ave., Libertyville)
7 pm	All-church Meal Packing at Feed My Starving Children (742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville)
7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study (Large Conference Room)
Thursday, October 5	
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	Friday, October 6
1 pm	Prayer Gathering (North Room)
	Saturday, October 7
9 am - 3 pm	Rummage Sale! (Gym, Parlors)
12 pm	Interscriptureal Readings Group (Large Conference Room)
Sunday, October 8	
9:15 am	All-church Breakfast and Intergenerational Sunday School (Parlors)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
12 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
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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