



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd
arr. Lloyd Pfautsch
Children's Vocal Ensemble
Brian Ward, Director
Dominic German, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
A Moment for Mission

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter
Covenant Kids Congo Bake Sale, Sienna Berg

INTROIT

Rejoice in the Lord Always and Again I Say Rejoice
Sunday School Children

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Annalisa Ward
written by Roddy Hamilton, from Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

I seek the grace of God, and my cup runneth over.

I seek the will of God, and my cup runneth over.

I seek the strength of God, and my cup runneth over.

How generous is God's love; so much the world cannot contain it.

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I lack nothing. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Insert)

You Are
David Crowder, Ed Cash, Hank Bentley
2014 Capitol CMG Paragon (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
All Essential Music (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)
Bentley Street Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

Led by Dominic German, Emma Hunter, Anders Johnson, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Johanna Frisk

Good God of our world, we hope that you would give us clean hearts to see you, hearts of love to serve you, and hearts that are willing to worship you. You gave us minds to know you, and voices to sing out your praises. Let us live in your light forever. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying,

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

Johanna Frisk

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Distribution of Bibles to Our Third Graders

Vivienne Berg

Connor Healy

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9, Sophie Schukas

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:1-9, Sienna Berg

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14, Annalisa Ward

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Cannot Come

Miriam Winter

Sunday School Children

MESSAGE

The Awesome Super Fantastic Forever Party

(Joni Eareckson Tada)

Libby Piotrowski

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Kajsa Ward

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Campaign pledge cards and financial gifts can be brought forward this morning
and placed in one of the baskets the children are holding.*

A Word from the Building with Faithfulness Committee Samantha Johnson and Sandi Kersten

Offertory

Sign of Peace

Susan Pascale and Brian Ward

Kajsa Ward, Violin

* Doxology (Insert)

Doxology

Thomas Ken

* Prayer of Dedication

Sebastian Berg

* PRAYER LITANY FOR THE BUILDING WITH FAITHFULNESS CAMPAIGN

Amari Berg and Johanna Frisk

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.

* CLOSING HYMN 71

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PRAYER OF SENDING FOR LOUISE HEDSTROM

* SUNG BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You
Austin C. Lovelace

POSTLUDE

Shall We Gather at the River
arr. James Mansfield
Brian Ward, Organ

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

You Are

David Crowder, Ed Cash, and Hank Bentley

Allegro (♩ = 110)



Nev - er mo - ving like a moun - tain nev - er end - ing
Ev - er wait - ing for the wea - ry; ev - er want - ing



like the sea; like a sun - rise bring - ing blue skies,
them to see there is ran - som, there's for - give - ness



Your light is all a - round me. Though I'm prone to leave Your
Your hope is all a - round me.



side You chase me like the tide. You are



con - stant in my wan - der - ing. You are bright - er



than the dark in me. You are the love that



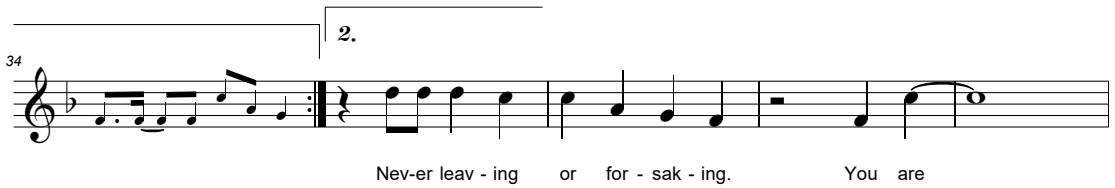
sets me free. You are faith - ful, You are faith - ful,

30 Last time to Coda  1.



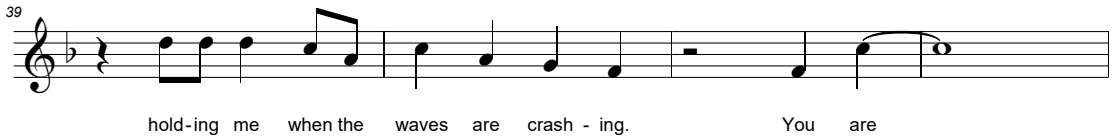
You are

34 2.



Nev-er leav - ing or for - sak - ing. You are

39



hold-ing me when the waves are crash - ing. You are

43



pul-ling me like grav - i - ty in - to Your arms, in - to Your arms, in -

47 *D.S. al Coda*



to Your arms. You are

51  Coda



55

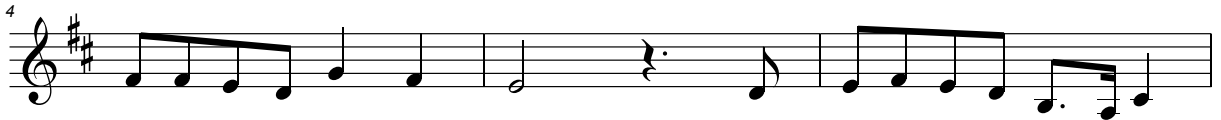


Doxology

Thomas Ken



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise



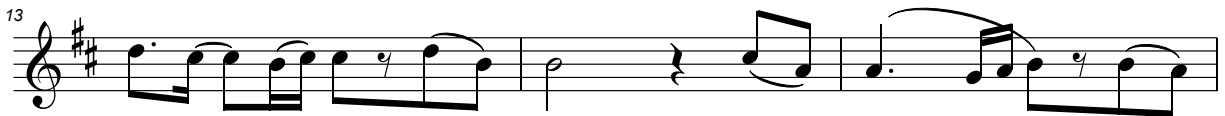
him, all crea-tures here be - low. Praise him a-bove, ye heav - en-ly



host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Praise to the Fa - ther praise to the Son Praise to the Spi - rit, our



God three in one, praise God praise God praise



God from whom all bless - ings flow.

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed between the two systems.

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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WELLESLEY

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

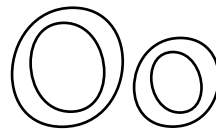
We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Lee Horten**, recuperating after breaking his leg in a fall
- **for patience for parents** who have lost bussing from CPS, making it difficult to get their kids to and from school
- **for peace** in the Middle East
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, as she begins chemo
- **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 his pain
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, diagnosed with cancer, which has metastasized
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Edgar Muniz**, facing obstacles in a move from Florida to Chicago

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



The North Park Readers have resumed meeting for another season. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24, at 7 pm. We will be discussing *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson. It is a saga of Winston Churchill, family, and defiance during the Blitz. We will be meeting at Karen Darelus' apartment, located at 4455 N. Albany Ave., - Apt. 1N. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com if you have questions.

Would you like offering envelopes for 2024? If you would like to receive a box, or if you are currently receive a box but would rather not be because you give online, please reach out to [Ann-Marie](#).

Halloween is coming, and that means we're preparing for Night of the Walking Taco! If you're able to help set up, serve, and/or clean up on October 31, please reach out to [Pastor Jeff](#).

The Peterson School Tutoring Program hopes to start up again by the first week in November, but we need tutors! If you're able to be at church on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 pm and/or from 6:30 to 8, please contact Christine Olfelt at olfelt@sbcglobal.net or 312-914-7712.

Get ready for Christmas greens! Christmas greens sales begin next week! We will have physical forms available in the narthex and an online form. This year, all proceeds are going to the UNITE 2024 fund! If you have any questions, please email Jeanette at jmottl@npcovenant.org.

Those who would like to support our Biking for Congo participants may do so using these links:

- Wally Ebner: www.classy.org/fundraiser/4987935 or by searching for Wallace Ebner
- Joline Paska: www.classy.org/fundraiser/4996915 or by searching for Joline Paska
- Sue Vandervoort: www.classy.org/fundraiser/4851205 or by searching for Susan Vandervoort

Have you been impacted by the loss of student bussing through CPS? Reach out to Lauren (lauren.wargaski@gmail.com) or Paul (paul@wargaskivioline.com) Wargaski for more information on how parents are organizing for solutions to help kids get back on buses.

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 Sunday worship, please sign up for a Sunday or two [using this form](#).

The text for today's anthem is as follows:

I Cannot Come

Miriam Winter

Refrain: I cannot come! I cannot come to the banquet, don't trouble me now.

I have married a wife; I have bought me a cow.
I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum.
Pray, hold me excused, I cannot come.

A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town.
He laid a festive table and wore a wedding gown.
He sent invitations to his neighbors far and wide
but when the meal was ready, each of them replied: *Refrain*

The master rose up in anger, called his servant by name,
said: "Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame,
fetch the peasant and the pauper, for this I have willed,
my banquet must be crowded, and my table must be filled." *Refrain*

When all the poor had assembled, there was still room to spare,
so the master demanded: "Go search everywhere,
to the highways and the byways and ask them to come in.
My table must be filled before the banquet can begin." *Refrain*

Now God has written a lesson for the rest of humankind;
God is calling and inviting; we really ought to mind.
He's preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day
when the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say: *Refrain*

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, October 16

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, October 17

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 18

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 6 pm Gather Dinner (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 pm Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

Thursday, October 19

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

Friday, October 20

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)

Saturday, October 21

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 12 pm Interscriptural Readings Group (Large Conference Room)

Sunday, October 22

- 9 am Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
- 9:15 am Adult Formation (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 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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