



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

O Could I Speak of Matchless Worth
Penny Rodriguez
Brian Ward, Piano

125th VIDEO

The Friendship Center - Part II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

INTROIT

Dona Nobis Pacem
arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz
Chancel Handbell Choir, Dominic German, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP 827, with sung response

Psalm 96

* OPENING HYMN 322

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

* 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christian Schuetz, Reader

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Alpha and Omega

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Led by Kristen Hunter, Robert Johnson, Linnea Olfelt, 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

Psalm 23 - The Lord Is My Shepherd

Judy Hunnicut

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 412

Be Thou My Vision

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fughetta in C
Dieterich Buxtehude

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

Psalm 96

RESPONSE



Sing a new song to the Lord, sing a new song,
sing a new song, sing a new song to the Lord.

¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

RESPONSE

⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
⁹Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

RESPONSE

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹²**let the field exult, and everything in it.**

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³before the LORD; for he is coming,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with his truth.

RESPONSE

322 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Descant

4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right—

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rules in the heights, al - might - y to save;
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right—

all glo - ry and pow'r, all wis - dom and might,
 and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
 though hid from our sight, his pres - ence we have;
 let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son;
 all glo - ry and pow'r, all wis - dom and might,

all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,
 the name, all - vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol
 the great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 the prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

MUSIC: Arrib. William Croft, 1678-1727; desc. A. Royce Eckhardt, 1937, © 1996 A. Royce Eckhardt

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HANOVER



and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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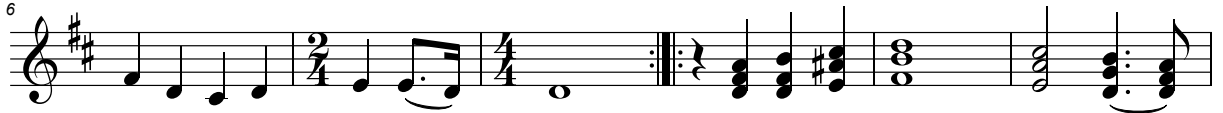
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Traditional

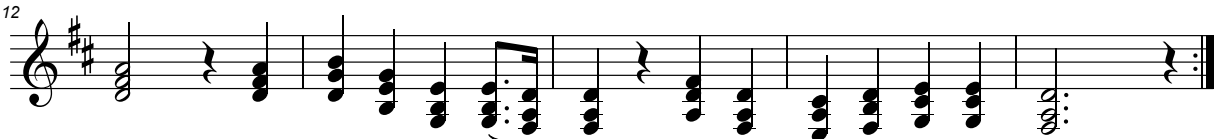
Alpha and Omega



You are Al-pha and O - me - ga. We wor-ship You our Lord



You are wor-thy to be praised. We give You all the glo -



ry We wor-ship You our Lord. You are wor - thy to be praised.

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures

here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

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

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
 MUSIC: attrib. Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-c.1561; arr. Geneva Psalter, 1551

L.M.
 OLD 100th (alt. rhythm)

Be Thou My Vision

412

In unison

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart,
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word,
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther, thy child shall I be,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing and I one with thee.
 high King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

WORDS: Ancient Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931, versified by Eleanor H. Hall, 1860-1935, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish melody, arr. Carlton E. Young, 1926, © 1964 Abingdon Press

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Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

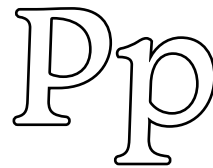
We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Lee Horten**, recuperating after breaking his leg
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, undergoing chemotherapy for ovarian cancer
- **for patience for our parents** who have lost bussing from CPS, making it difficult to get their kids to and from school
- **for the conflict** in the Middle East
- **Corky Larson and family**, mourning the passing of her husband, Paul, on September 20
- **Jim Hosek**, still without answers as to the source of the pain he is experiencing
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, diagnosed with cancer

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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



Christmas Green sales have officially started! You can get order forms in the narthex and parlors (an online form is on its way!). The deadline to order is Sunday, November 5, and you can pick up your order on Sunday, November 19, between 11:30 and 1:30. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please email Jeanette at jmottl@npcovenant.org

The North Park Readers have resumed meeting for another season. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24, at 7 pm. We will discuss *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 Darelius' 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.

The October Merge Hello meeting will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, October 24, at 7 pm. This month's special guest is Mario Valdes. He will share information about the summer trips he led in Guatemala with Merge teams and upcoming Merge Respond trips to Mississippi and Kentucky. Join the Zoom meeting [via this link](#) (Meeting ID: 862 0987 8183; Passcode: 936849).

Please mark your calendars for our next town hall meeting, to take place following worship on Sunday, October 29! A light lunch will be served, and the focus of the meeting will be to review and discuss the events of the denominational annual meeting, held in Garden City, California, last June. The delegates will be sharing a general overview of topics brought up and votes taken, and then the meeting will be opened up for general questions and discussion. As a reminder, a town hall meeting is not a decision-making gathering. Instead, it is a time of open dialogue and conversation. All members and friends are welcome!

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](#).

Would you like offering envelopes for 2024? If you are not currently on our list to receive a box but would like to be, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the church office. And if you are currently on our list to receive a box but would rather not be because you give online, please let her know that, too!

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.

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@wargaskiviolins.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 choral anthem is as follows:

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;
the moon and stars suspended in space;
oh, what are we, that you are mindful of us?
You have given us a crown of glory and honor
and have made us a little lower than the angels.

You have put us in charge of all creation:
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what are we, oh, what are we, that You are mindful of us?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.

Alleluia!

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, October 23

- 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 24

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, October 25

- 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 26

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

Friday, October 27

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (Library)

Saturday, October 28

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 8:30 am Executive Council Retreat (Library)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 12 pm Inter-scriptural Readings Group (Large Conference Room)

Sunday, October 29 - Reformation Sunday

- 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)
- 12 pm Town Hall Meeting and Light Lunch (Parlors)
- 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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