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PRELUDE

Triumph Song
Alec Rowley
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

125th Video: I Remember/I Imagine

CHORAL INTROIT

Crown Him with Many Crowns (264, verse 1)
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

* OPENING HYMN 295

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior
David Allen

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response 110

Sally Engebretson, Reader

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Glory Be to God, Creator

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

You Are

David Crowder, Ed Cash, Hank Bentley

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Led by Dominic German, Emma Hunter,
Anders Johnson, Jeanette Mottl, and Brian Ward

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Covenant World Relief cans and offerings may be placed in the offering plate.

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Bill Ingram

Chancel Handbell Choir, Dominic German, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Presentation

* CLOSING HYMN 271

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

* BENEDICTION

from Ephesians 1

POSTLUDE

Ye Servants of God
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 Christ is our guide and friend, to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! 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

Glory Be to God, Creator

In unison
C/E F Gsus Dm/C C C/E F G

1 Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, glo-ry be to God the
was in the be - gin - ning, it is now and so shall
ho - ly God Al - might - y, ho - ly, ho - ly Prince of

Am C/E Dm Am/C G/B G G/A Am

Son, glo-ry be to God the Spir - it, known as
be in a world with - out an end - ing, glo-ry
Peace, ho - ly, ho - ly Wind of Pre - sence, ho - ly,

F G 1,2 C C/E 3 C F G7 C

Three, yet God the One.
through e - ter - ni - ty. 2 As it
ho - ly, ho - 3 Ho - ly, ly. A - men.

You Are

David Crowder, Ed Cash, and Hank Bentley

Allegro (♩ = 140)



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



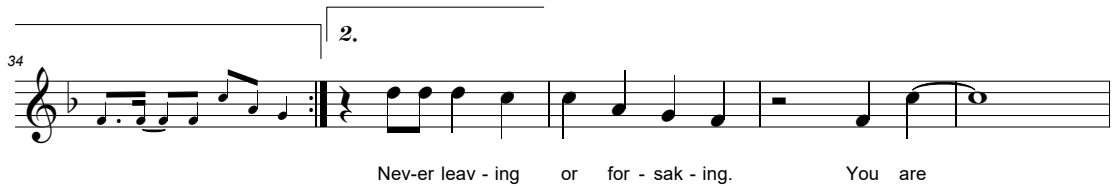
sets me free. You are faith - ful, You are faith - ful,

30 Last time to Coda  1.



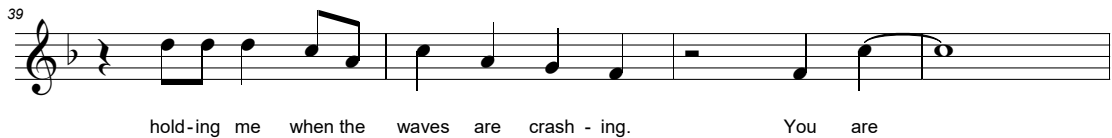
You are

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



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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Descant

4 Re-joice in glo-rious hope for Christ the Judge shall come

1 Re-joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His King-dom can-not fail, he rules both earth and heav'n;
 4 Re-joice in glo-rious hope for Christ the Judge shall come

to gath-er all his saints to their e-ter-nal home:

Re-joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus giv'n:
 to gath-er all his saints to their e-ter-nal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re-joice!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re-joice!

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- Cheryl Borgeson's sister **Anne Erickson**, clear of any infection and appreciative of your prayers
- Jon Boyd's 87-year-old father, **Bill Boyd**, being treated for a blood clot in his lungs
- **Ted Helwig**, continuing to experience heart-related symptoms
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, undergoing chemo and receiving positive reports thus far
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, awaiting a bone marrow transplant
- **Patty Rasmussen & Larry Anderson and family**, mourning the loss of their daughter Magdalena
- **for peace in the conflict** in the middle east

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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

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Childcare is available in the Toddler Room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 1 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and squirm. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

*All services are at 10:30 am,
unless otherwise noted.*

- December 3 - First Sunday of Advent
- December 5, 7 pm - Blue Christmas
- December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent
- December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent/
A Service of Lessons & Carols
- December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24, 5 pm - Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
- December 25, 6:30 am - Julotta

Hey, college students! Every Sunday after church, lunch is available for you directly after service in the large conference room (lower level, down the hall from the parlors). Let us know if you want to come for some non-cafeteria food and community! Reach out to Linnea Olfelt at lmolfelt@gmail.com or 773-397-3468 with questions or if you want to come!

Next Sunday, December 3, we will hold a brief congregational meeting to vote on the division of the Employee Retention Credit monies received earlier this year. All are welcome to attend this meeting, but only members are able to vote.

North Park Church Cooperative Preschool is hosting a Holiday Market on Saturday, December 2,

from 9 am to 12 pm in the church parlors. Come peruse unique gifts, kids' crafts, seasonal treats, and participate in a raffle! If you're interested in setting up a table at the market to sell your own handmade holiday gifts, please reach out to Becky Edwards at preschool@npcovenant.org for more information.

We invite you to a Blue Christmas worship service on Tuesday, December 5, at 7 pm in the south chapel. We recognize that Advent and Christmas can be difficult for many, so we invite you to a time of contemplation and reflection.

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

Treasurer Update: Through October 31, general fund giving totaled \$485,889. With a budget of \$621,000 for 2023, we need \$67,555 in both November and December to meet the general fund offering budget. We are grateful for your generosity and your support of the church through giving, through prayer and through doing the work of the church for God's glory and neighbors' good.

The Peterson School Tutoring Program has started up again, but we still 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 pm, please contact Christine Olfelt at olfelt@sbcglobal.net or 312-914-7712.

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 [using this form](#).

The North River Commission is appreciative of the donations received for migrants coming to our area. A request has come in for diapers in a variety of sizes. Please bring donations in boxes or bags, as that will make transporting them much easier. Thank you!

The text for today's choral anthem is as follows:

Beautiful Savior

David Allen

Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the Nations! Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

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The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 29

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid, Large Conference Room)
- 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, November 30

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

Friday, December 1

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)
- 4:30 pm George Soccer Practice (Gym)

Saturday, December 2

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

Sunday, December 3 - The First Sunday of Advent

- 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)
- 11:45 am Congregational Meeting (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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