



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (685)
Daniel L. Schutte

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

* OPENING SONG

You Go Before Me
Brian and Maria Ward

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Ryan Wendt, Reader

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

* Gospel Reading

Mark 2:23 - 3:6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 620

Speak to Me

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Ann Boyd

Jon Boyd

Kathryn (Katy) Hoffman

Sandra Nelson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

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Offertory

Hymn

Charlie Lowell, Dan Haseltine, Matt Odmark, Stephen Mason

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* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING SONG

Goodness of God

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He Is Exalted (298)

Twila Paris

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

You Go Before Me

Psalm 139: 1-2, 5-8, 12, 15-18

Brian and Maria Ward

Allegro (♩ = 120)



Oh Lord, you've ex-am-ined my heart
I can ne-ver es-cape from your spirit



You know e-very-thing a - bout me when I sit or I stand
I can ne-ver get a - way from your pre - sence



You know my thoughts e - ven when I'm far a - way
if I go up to hea - ven, You are there.



The night will shine like the day You are there.
If I go down to the grave You are there.



You go be - fore me and foHow me You place Your



hand of bles-sing on my head such know-ledge is too won-der-ful for me



too great to un - der - stand

34

38

You watched me as I was formed in ut - ter se - clu-sion and

42

knit me to - geth-er in my mo - ther's womb

46

You saw me be - fore I was born e - very day of my life, e - very

50

mo - ment was laid out be - fore a sin - gle day had passed

54

How pre - cious are Your thoughts a - bout me, oh God. They can -
I can -

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not be num - bered, they out-num-ber the grains of sand.
not e - ven count them, they out-num-ber the grains of sand.

D.S. al Fine

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

³ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

¹¹For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us but life in you.

* *Gospel Reading*

Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Pronouncement about the Sabbath

²³One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not human-kind for the Sabbath, ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

The Man with a Withered Hand

³ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Lord, Speak to Me

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1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; O feed me, Lord, that
 pre - cious things that you im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flows in kin - dling thought and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share. A - men.

WORDS: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1810-1846

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.'

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.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson

I love You, Lord
(I love Your voice.)

Oh, Your mer - cy ne - ver fails
You have led me through the fi -

4

me.
re.

All my days I've been held in Your hands
In dark - est night You are close like no oth -

6

er.

From the mo - ment that I wake up un - till I lay
I've known You as a fa - ther, I've known You as

8

my head I will sing of the good - ness of God.
a friend I have lived in the good - ness of God.

11

All my life You have been faith - ful. All my life You have been so,

14

so good. With ev - 'ry breath that I am a - ble I will sing

Last time to Coda  1.  2.

17

of the good - ness of God. 2. I love Your voice.

20 

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.

22 

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. With my life

24 

laid down, I'm sur - ren - dered now; I give You ev - 'ry-thing.

26 

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.

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D.S. al Coda

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I will sing of the good - ness of God.

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

For your prayers this week:

- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Debbie Williams's great-grandson**, born prematurely and in the NICU with apnea
- **Jim Reese**, Julie Reese-Clauson's father, hospitalized after experiencing a heart attack
- Ryan Wendt's dad, **Kevin**, recuperating at home after surgery
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, still hospitalized but making slow and steady progress
- **Sally Johnson**, recuperating after undergoing two eye lens surgeries

Childcare is available on a blanket toward the back near the playground area.

Thank you to our musicians this morning!

Kristen Hunter - Voice
Anders Johnson - Guitar and Bass Guitar
Robert Johnson - Voice
Brian Ward - Cajon, Ukulele, Melodica,
Guitar, and Voice
Maria Ward - Voice
Lauren Wargaski - Violin
Ryan Wendt - Guitar

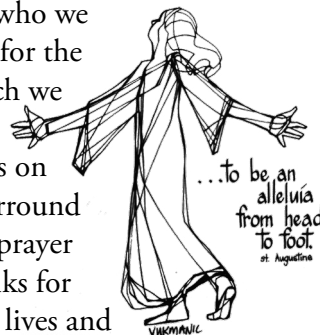
Thank you to our tech team, not only for their work each and every week, but also for the work of making outdoor worship a possibility for us today! Garry Arkema, David Frisk, Dave Holmes, Bjorn Johnson, Steve Paska, and Eric Pfeiffelman—thank you!

Today is a Benevolence Sunday. Members of the Deacon Board will be at the gates after the service to receive any donations to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community.

The summer issue of *The Narthex*, our monthly newsletter, was emailed out last week, and hard copies are available for pick-up today. This will be the last issue until September. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Throughout the calendar year, we have been striving to use all of who we are to pray with and for the communities in which we live. For the month of June, we will focus on using our arms to surround our communities in prayer and love, giving thanks for their presence in our lives and the ways we shape one another. We invite you to select three homes or businesses in your neighborhood and metaphorically wrap your arms around them, praying for them each day; that those spaces would be filled with love and that they would know and follow after God.



As Simeon said as he held the infant Jesus in his arms: "I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" - Luke 2:31-32

Join us after worship for our spring block party! We'll have food and fun out on Christiana, and all are invited to enjoy!

On Sunday, June 9, we will hold a brief congregational meeting following worship to approve the use of funds to repair the gym roof. All are welcome to attend, but only church members may vote.

Thank you for your generosity! We wanted to give a quick update regarding the donations for Paul and Sheryl Noren's vehicle. As of last week, \$1,270 has been donated! We are hoping to give these funds to them when they return in July. There is still time to give!"



VBS Volunteers! There are two more volunteer meetings; please mark your calendars and join us in the parlors:

- *Thursday, June 6, at 7 pm.* If you weren't able to attend the Tuesday, May 28, meeting, please be sure to attend this one.
- *Sunday, June 9, at 5 pm.* All hands on deck! This is set-up night, and we ask that everyone be there to help us prepare to Set Sail!

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 at <https://tinyurl.com/volunteer-sunday>

Vacation Bible School registration is underway! Children in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to Set Sail with us over the week of June 10-14 for a time of fun as they learn about our God who loves them so very much. Children must be potty-trained. Anyone entering 6th grade and older is welcome on staff! To register your child/ren or to sign up to be a volunteer, [please click here](#).

[The list of needed supplies](#) is now available. If you are able to purchase some of the items on the list, we would greatly appreciate it!

Registration for our two Central Conference summer camps, Covenant Point (Iron River, MI) and Covenant Harbor (Lake Geneva, WI), is still open, and many of our young people are registered. If you or someone you know has a child who would love to go to summer camp, but finances are tight, please reach out to Pastor Libby. The church has funds to send our kids to camp, and we'd love to use them!

The BravoStudio invites you to sign up for a summer voice camp over the week of June 24-28. Founded by Chicago natives Evan, Kalli, Tommy, and Alex Bravos (who you may remember as the conductor of Uniting Voices Chicago–Albany Park), this family-owned studio stems from a mutual passion for and dedication to music. For details or to register, please use the QR Code at the right.



Exodus World Service invites you to help support their soccer team in the annual World Refugee Day Soccer Tournament.

When: Saturday, June 22, times will need to be flexible, depending upon how the team does

Where: Foster Beach Park

What: 12-15 refugees from eight different countries are joining together as Exodus United to compete in the annual World Refugee Day Soccer Tournament

Exodus United will compete against teams made up of players from specific countries, many of whom have played together most of their lives. While the unique makeup of our team doesn't always bode well for winning the tournament, the team is a beautiful display of the power of togetherness and the joy of sport. Plus, the event includes music performances from many different cultures and booths with representatives from all the refugee organizations in Chicago. BUT, the team needs support beyond our staff (who are occupied with other responsibilities that day).

The support would include:

- Providing drinks and snacks (like water, Gatorade, bananas, apples, etc) throughout the day. A beverage dispenser and cup would be helpful tools to bring along.
- Providing lunch for the players around noon. A cooler for the lunch items would also be helpful. (While lunch is provided for the spectators, last year none of the players were able to get food because their game conflicted with the lunch service time. We anticipate this will be the case again this year.)
- Watching some great soccer and watching over the players' items at the team tent to make sure all items are secure throughout the day. Bring lawn chairs and whatever else is wanted for a day at the park.

The length of commitment is a bit up in the air. The support could be one group there all day or shared, with individuals/families taking a few hours on Saturday for different roles. We don't know if the team will play just two games or if they might play an additional two games by winning. Last year, the team needed support from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., but if they win, the support would be needed until as late as 4 p.m. Some planning and flexibility in schedules is necessary to support this event! If you are interested, please reach out to [Pastor Libby](#), and she will connect with Exodus World Service Leadership.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, June 3

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom/Gym/South Garden)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, June 4

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom/Gym/South Garden)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

Wednesday, June 5

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom/Gym/South Garden)
- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)

Thursday, June 6

- 8 am East Wall Project Progress Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom/Gym/South Garden)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting (Parlors)

Friday, June 7

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom/Gym/South Garden)
- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)
- 5 pm Organist Audition (Sanctuary)

Saturday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 9

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm VBS Set-up Meeting (Parlors)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (South Chapel)

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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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