



# **NORTH PARK**

## **COVENANT CHURCH**

JUNE 9, 2024  
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PRELUDE

Come, We Who Love the Lord  
arr. Lani Smith  
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 138 (New Living Translation)

Every king in all the earth will thank you, Lord,  
**for all of them will hear your words.**  
Yes, they will sing about the Lord's ways,  
**for the glory of the Lord is very great.**  
Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble,  
**but he keeps his distance from the proud.**  
Though I am surrounded by troubles,  
**you will protect me from the anger of my enemies.**  
You reach out your hand,  
**and the power of your right hand saves me.**  
The Lord will work out his plans for my life—  
for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever.  
**Don't abandon me, for you made me.**

\* OPENING HYMN 68

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness  
Antonín Dvořák  
Ann Boyd, Soprano

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading  
New Testament Reading

Harry Piotrowski, Reader  
1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15  
2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

\* Gospel Reading  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Mark 3:20-35

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Good to Me  
Craig Musseau

1990 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Integrity Music)  
Vineyard Songs Canada (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Anders Johnson, Linnea Olfelt, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

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 at [www.npcovenant.org/give](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

Give Thanks  
Henry Smith

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 295

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

\* BENEDICTION

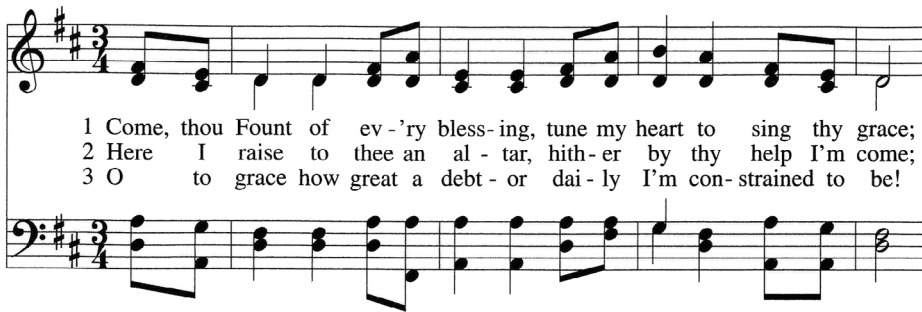
POSTLUDE

Finale  
Johan Helmich Roman

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

*Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.  
In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,  
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen  
in the box's drawer for your use.*

## 68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



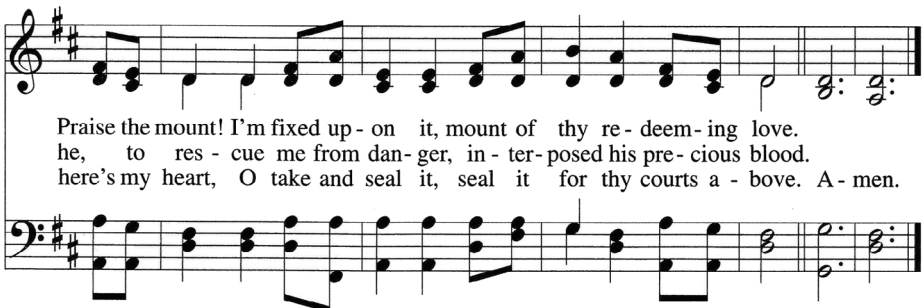
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.  
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of thy re-deem-ing love.  
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove. A-men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*

# Good to Me



I cry out for your hand of mer-cy to heal me. I am



weak, and I need Your love to free me. O Lord, my rock, my

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strength in weak-ness, come res - cue me, O Lord.



Lord. You are my hope. Your prom - ise nev - er fails



me, and my de - sire is to fol - low You for - ev -



er. For You are good, for You are good, for You are good to



me. For You are good, for You are good, for You are good to me.

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly 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 qilagmelnguut, 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.*

# 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 - jice;  
 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!"



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

## *For your prayers this week:*

- **Felix**, at camp this week
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Debbie Williams's** great-grandson, who was born prematurely and is in the NICU
- **Jim Reese**, Julie Reese-Clauson's father, recovering at home 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 steady progress
- **Sally Johnson**, recuperating after undergoing two eye lens surgeries

**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 we ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

## **The lectionary texts for Sunday, June 16, are:**

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34



**Welcome to North Park Covenant Church!** If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR Code at the left to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

**Today after worship, we will gather for a congregational meeting** to vote on spending monies to replace our gym roof. Those details will come via the Board of Trustees.

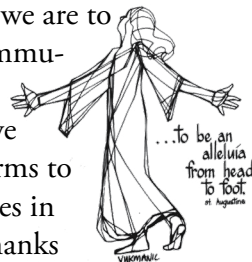
In addition, we will add two other items to the meeting's agenda: an official vote on the four new members of North Park Covenant Church we welcomed into membership last Sunday and a vote on a request for associate membership from Rev. Liz Mosbo VerHage.

Those who wish to join in via Zoom may do so using [this link](#).

## 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*

**VBS Volunteers! All hands on deck!** Please join us in the parlors tonight at 5 pm for Vacation Bible School set-up night. We ask that all volunteers be there to help us prepare to Set Sail!

**Preschool Committee Needs:** One of the roles of the Board of Christian Formation is to make sure there are representative members of the church serving on the committee that oversees North Park Church Cooperative Preschool. We are grateful to Jim Meyer and Kristen Engebretson for their excellent service in this capacity for the last two years! As they step away from serving in this role, we are looking for two or three people who are interested in representing the church on the Preschool Committee; supporting the flourishing of this invaluable neighborhood preschool. In particular, people with knowledge of early childhood education, finance, fundraising, or event organizing might find this to be a really good fit for ministry. Please reach out to [Samantha Johnson](#) or [Pastor Libby](#) if you are interested or have questions!

**Make note and tune in!** Ayden Hunt will be featured on WFMT's *Introductions* with Robbie Ellis on Saturday, June 22, at 11 am. If you're able, you may tune into 98.7 FM on your radio or [stream it here](#).

**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>.

**The text for today's special music** is as follows:

### **I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness**

*Antonín Dvořák*

I will sing new songs of gladness,  
I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-string psaltery.

Ev'ry day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name,  
I will bless Thy Holy Name.

Great is God and great His mercy.  
Who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His pow'r declare?

My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts.  
Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.

Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wond'rous might,  
And my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.

## The Church Calendar This Week

*The calendar is available online at [www.npcovenant.org/calendar](http://www.npcovenant.org/calendar) and is updated as changes occur.*

### *Monday, June 10*

- 9 am Vacation Bible School (Various)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, June 11*

- 9 am Vacation Bible School (Various)
- 5 pm Board of Community Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)
- Board of Deacons Meeting (Hybrid/Staff Conference Room)
- Board of Deacons Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 7:30 pm Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Parlors)

### *Wednesday, June 12*

- 9 am Vacation Bible School (Various)

### *Thursday, June 13*

- 8 am East Wall Project Progress Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 9 am Vacation Bible School (Various)

### *Friday, June 14*

- 9 am Vacation Bible School (Various)

### *Saturday, June 15*

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

### *Sunday, June 16*

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

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### Welcome Statement

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*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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