



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Toccata on “Leoni” (The God of Abraham Praise)
Gordon Young
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it!
From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
God’s Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

**From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
we gather together, united by God’s Spirit,
to celebrate God’s glory and proclaim His praise!
Let’s worship God together!**

* OPENING HYMN 57

This Is My Father’s World

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ Jesus be with you.
And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Robert Johnson, Reader

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

* Gospel Reading

Mark 6:14-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski

SPECIAL MUSIC

Seek First God’s Kingdom

Thomas Pavlechko

Chancel Choir Members

Seek first God’s Kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be given to you, as well.
Seek God.

MESSAGE

Martha Berg and Gaius Berg

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Good Good Father

Anthony Brown, Pat Barrett

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worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by Anders Johnson, Jeanette Mottl, 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.

Offertory

More Precious than Silver

Lynn Deshazo

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Presentation

* CLOSING SONG

Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

1997 Sovereign Grace Worship (Admin. by Integrity Music)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Give Thanks unto God

Emma Louis Ashford

arr. Michael Ryan

** 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.

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for-get that
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world: God shines in all that's fair; in

na-ture sings and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres. This
 though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul-er yet. He
 rus-tling grass I hear him pass—he speaks to me ev-'ry-where. This

is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair—all
 is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won-ders wrought.
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea-tures ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is King, let heav-en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad.

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, Good Father

Chris Tomlin



I've heard a thou - sand stor - ies of what they think you're like, but I've
I've seen man - y search ing for an - swers far and wide but I



heard the ten - der whis - per of love in the dead of night, and You tell
know we're all search - ing for an - swers on - ly You pro - vide 'cause You know



me that You're pleased and that I'm ne - ver a - lone. You're a good, good fa - ther. It's who You are,
just what we need be - fore we say a word.



it's who You are, it's who You are and I'm loved by You. It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.



be - cause You are per - fect in all of your ways. You are per - fect in all of your ways. You are



per - fect in all of your ways to us. Love so un - den - i - a - ble I can hard - ly speak.



Peace so un - ex - plain - a - ble I, I can hard - ly think as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still as You call



me deep - er still in - to love love love. You're a good, good fa - ther. It's who You are.

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." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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.*

Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -



plea, A great high Priest whose name is love who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my
ness, The great un - change - a - ble I Am the King of glor - y and of



me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause a sin - less Sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His



heart, I know that while in heav - en He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part,
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied, to look on Him and par - don me,
blood, my life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Sav - ior and my God,



no tongue can bid me thence de - part. Ha - le - lu -
to look on Him and par - don me.
with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.



jah, Ha - le - lu - jah, Praise the one ri - sen son of God.

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

For your prayers this week:

- **Jack, Sebi, Noah, Sam, and Rosie, and leaders Jon, Ella, Jeanette, and Christian**, heading to UNITE2024 this week
- **Sara Wendt**, anticipating spending the coming week in the hospital to undergo tests
- **Janice Kelly and family**, mourning the passing of Tom on June 24
- **Tim Johnson and family**, as his brother, Darryl, is now on hospice
- **Sandy Edstrom**, recuperating slowly after a bout with COVID
- Valerie Sanchez Lucco's sister, **Bonita**, beginning chemo treatments
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, still hospitalized but making slow and steady progress
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Dee Austin**, looking for a new location for her apothecary shop
- **family and friends of Olivia Monta**, stylist at Taylor Hair Dezign who passed away on June 18

Missionary Prayer Spotlight:

Peter and Anna Kim, missionaries in Taiwan, are grateful to God for God's faithfulness throughout their 20 years of ministry in missions! They request prayers for housing and finances as they anticipate a year-long home assignment in 2025 and Peter's upcoming counseling courses; for the financial, emotional, and physical stability of fellow ministry leaders; and for peace for Taiwan in the presence of Chinese military ships and planes.

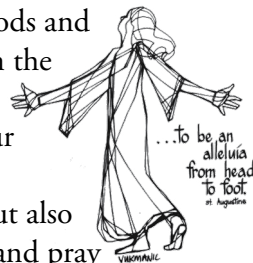
Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.



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.

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Throughout this year, we have been striving to use our whole bodies—all of who we are—to envelope our neighborhoods and communities in prayer. In the month of July, we are invited to use not only our eyes and hearts, souls and mouths, feet and arms, but also our minds as we care for and pray for the people and places we encounter every day. Let us hold in our minds those individuals, families, and situations—both those we know and those that remain unknown to us—and let us pray that each person, no matter their story, might come to live in the peace of mind and body that only God can offer.



Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. - 2 Corinthians 3:11b

Immediately following worship today, we will gather for a brief congregational meeting to thank our organist search committee and vote on a new organist, per our church bylaws. Please plan to stay for a few minutes following worship, and see below the announcement from the search committee:

The organist search committee and the Executive Council seek the congregation's approval to hire Sam Parnin as our new organist. Sam is a recent graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music with a specialization in pipe organ. He is excited to move to Chicago and begin his career as a professional musician. The search committee reviewed and approved his credentials, and he provided a successful audition. The search committee, which could not be happier, consisted of Kristen Hunter, Ann Boyd, Karen Darelus, Brian Ward, Les Carlstrom, Beau Sample, David Schlensker, Joel Olfelt, Libby Piotrowski, and Jeff Hunter. We thank them for their hard work.

Staff Away: Pastor Jeanette and Christian Schuetz will be out of the office this coming week, as they attend UNITE2024. Pastor Jeff will be out of the office Monday, July 15, through Saturday, August 3.

Rosemary Slaughter is in need of a ride to Evanston Hospital on Thursday, July 18, arriving by 11 am. If you're able to assist her, please call her at 312-608-2665. Thank you!

Upcoming Memorial Services:

- A memorial service for **Olivia Monta** will take place today at 3 pm in our sanctuary, with a reception to follow. Peace to her memory.

- A memorial service for **Eloise Nelson** will take place on Saturday, July 27, at 11 am in our sanctuary, with a reception to follow. Peace to her memory.

- A memorial service for **Tom Kelly** will take place on Saturday, August 24, at 10 am in our sanctuary, with a reception to follow. Peace to his memory.

Each of these services will also be livestreamed at live.npcovenant.org.

Lectionary texts for Sunday, July 21:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Join The Friendship Center in the fight against hunger at the inaugural End Hunger Games!

When? Sunday, August 11, 3-6 pm

Where? Guild Row, 3130 N Rockwell St, Chicago, IL 60618

What? While enjoying an afternoon of great food, a cash bar, and amazing raffles, guests will be put to the test with fun games and challenges to help end hunger. All event proceeds will help provide access to fresh food and vital resources to our estimated 70,000 neighbors facing hunger in Chicago's NW neighborhoods.

End Hunger Games is produced by the Friendship Center's Associate Board, a group of passionate professionals committed to ending hunger in our community.

Tickets: [General Admission \\$35](#)

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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, July 15

- 10 am Peterson Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 16

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

Thursday, July 18

- 8 am East Wall Project Progress Meeting (Large Conference Room)

Saturday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 21

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 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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