



# **NORTH PARK**

## **COVENANT CHURCH**

AUGUST 4, 2024  
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PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 549  
J.S. Bach  
John MacKey, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

\* CALL TO WORSHIP 808 Psalm 51

\* OPENING HYMN 324 Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

\* 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, forever. Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

A WORD FROM OUR UNITE YOUTH

SPECIAL MUSIC The Solid Rock (433)  
William B. Bradbury, arr. Brent Olstad  
Sandy Edstrom, Piano  
Lauren Wargaski, Violin

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Mary Chase-Ziolek, Reader  
2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN Jeanette Mottl

MESSAGE Libby Piotrowski

## 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

Procession on *Adoro Te*

Léon Boëllmann

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

## \* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson

1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Anders Johnson, Jeanette Mottl, and Sam Parnin

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing in the Meal

Communion Music

Jesus Paid It All

arr. Mark Hayes

Sam Parnin, Piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \* CLOSING HYMN 451

It Is Well with My Soul

## \* RESPONSIVE BEDICTION

Go out from here and live lives worthy  
of the one calling, which we all share.

With honesty and integrity, build relationships that mirror  
Christ's love and light; honor and respect the *imago dei* in  
everyone you meet.

In humility, gentleness, and patience,  
speak only what is true and loving,  
and so grow into the unity that is ours in Christ.

And may God the Creator reshape your hearts;  
may Christ Jesus, the Bread of Life, sustain you always;  
and may the Holy Spirit unite you in the bond of peace.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato Maestoso  
from *The Berlin-Kraków Manuscripts*  
Felix Mendelssohn

*\* 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.*

## Psalm 51:1-17

**RESPONSE 1**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

**RESPONSE 2**

The sac - ri - fice you ac - cept, O God, is a hum - ble spir - it.

ALL <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

I <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**RESPONSE 1 OR 2**

II <sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**RESPONSE 1 OR 2**

I <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
**and sinners will return to you.**

**RESPONSE 1 OR 2**

II <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.  
<sup>15</sup>**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

ALL <sup>16</sup>For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
**if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**  
<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**RESPONSE 1 OR 2**

# 324 Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy

1 Come, O sin - ners, poor and need - y, bruised and bro - ken by the fall;  
 2 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;  
 3 Lo! th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it of his blood;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of par - d'ning love for all.  
 all that he re - quires of sin - ners is to turn and trust in him.  
 ven - ture on him, ven - ture whol - ly let no oth - er trust in - trude:

He is a - ble, he is a - ble, he is will - ing, doubt no more;  
 He will save you, he will save you, 'tis the Gos - pel's con - stant theme.  
 none but Je - sus, none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

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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." 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.*



# All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a time signature of 12/8. It consists of seven staves of music, each with a measure number (3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14) at the beginning. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and repeat signs.

3 All who are thirst - y All who are  
weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the  
5 stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed a -  
7 way in the waves of his merc - cy as deep cries  
9 out to deep Come, Lord Je - sus,  
11 come. We sing come, Lord Je - sus, come. *D.C.*  
14 Ho - ly Spi - rit come. We sing Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

## It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tends my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall

lot, you have taught me to say, "It is well, it is  
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and has shed his own  
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the  
 sound and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so— it is

*Refrain*  
 well with my soul."  
 blood for my soul. It is well, It is well with my  
 Lord, O my soul!  
 well with my soul.

soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "soul, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul." The music is in a simple, homophonic style, likely from a hymn or a religious song. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, and then a quarter note B3. The melody is simple and easy to remember.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

## *We're glad you're here.*

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **Dorothy Schmidt**, hospitalized with an infection
- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating at home after experiencing a seizure
- **Sally Johnson**, recuperating after hip replacement surgery last week
- **Tim Johnson and family**, as his brother, Darryl, is now on hospice
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, home after a lengthy hospitalization
- **Elizabeth Petersen**, recuperating after a fall
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, undergoing testing to determine next steps in his heart failure journey
- **family and friends of Ann Maleski**, former pantry director and wedding coordinator here at NPCC, who passed away July 9
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Dee Austin**, looking for a new location for her apothecary shop

### **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.

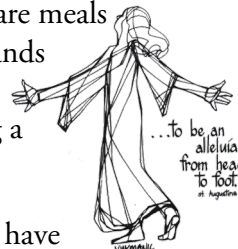
**Childcare is available** in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents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

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

**We welcome Sam Parnin**, our new organist, to worship today! We look forward to his ministry with us. And we welcome back **John MacKey** today as our guest organist while Brian is away on vacation. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

We use our hands to show love and care in so many ways. Our hands hold the hands of another. Our hands prepare meals for those we love. Our hands are used to act on behalf of another; from mowing a yard to making a bed.



Throughout this year, we have been utilizing our whole bodies to actively and intentionally lift our communities up in prayer. For the month of August, we are invited to use our hands to pray for our neighbors. Maybe our hands will be folded in prayer for those we know well and those we do not know. Maybe we will use our hands to help a neighbor, allowing them to see God's love in action. Whatever the case, let us actively use our hands for God's glory and for our neighbors' good.

*Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands! - Psalm 90:17*

**A memorial service for Tom Kelly** will take place on Saturday, August 24, at 10 am in our sanctuary, with a reception to follow. The service also will be live streamed at [live.npcovenant.org](http://live.npcovenant.org). Peace to his memory.

**Exodus World Service invites you** to a New Neighbor Gathering in the Park on August 6, from 6:30 to 8 pm at Warren Park (6601 Western Ave). For details on how to register, [please click here](#).

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

*When?* Sunday, August 11, 3 to 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](#)

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, August 11:**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

**Join us for an afternoon out as a church family as we watch the Chicago Dogs** take on the Lake Country Dockhounds at Impact Field (9850 Balmoral Ave, Rosemont, IL 60018) on Sunday, August 25. The game starts at 3 pm, so join us for worship, grab some lunch, and head to the field. [Please register by Wednesday, August 7!](#) Impact Field is accessible via public transit by taking either the blue line or Metra and getting off at the Rosemont station. A Rosemont Entertainment Connector Trolley runs with stops at the Rosemont station and at Impact Field.



**Paul and Sheryl Noren returned** to the U.S. from Congo a couple weeks ago. They were in the Chicago area for a class reunion, so we were able to hand-deliver the check to them for the funds you, as a church body, donated to them. Here is a picture of them with the van they purchased; the funds we gave helped to defray its cost. We are looking forward to their visit with us in the fall, when they will speak about their years in Congo.

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## The Church Calendar This Week

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

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### *Monday, August 5*

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom, South Garden)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 12 pm Pantazelos Voice Lessons (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, August 6*

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom, South Garden)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

### *Wednesday, August 7*

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom, South Garden)

### *Thursday, August 8*

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom, South Garden)

### *Friday, August 9*

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (Preschool Classroom, South Garden)

### *Saturday, August 10*

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

### *Sunday, August 11*

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

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**Missionaries We Support**

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Latin America

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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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