



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major BWV 557
J.S. Bach
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

* OPENING HYMN 299

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Merciful to Me
Caedmon's Call/Randall Goodgame
Public Domain
Maria and Brian Ward

Out from the deep I call to thee, O Lord, to thee.

Before thy throne I fall. Be merciful to me.

Chorus: Be merciful to me, be merciful to me.

Through shadow dark and valley deep, be merciful to me.

From the garden to the cross thy mercy did endure.
My soul purged from all dross in blood made pure. *Chorus*

Thy mercy, Lord, is true, as ever truth will be.
But still I cry for you: Be merciful to me. *Chorus*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading
* Gospel Reading

Ann Boyd, Reader
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

You Never Let Go
Beth and Matt Redman
2005 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,
Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity
Offertory

Offertory on "Bunessan" (Morning Has Broken)
arr. Edward Broughton
Brian Ward, Organ

* Doxology 48
* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 438

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Kenneth Leighton

** 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.*

1 O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my great Re- deem- er's praise,
 2 My gra- cious Mas- ter and my God, as- sist me to pro- claim,
 3 Je- sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor- rows cease,
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can- celled sin, he sets the pris- 'ner free;
 5 To God all glo- ry, praise, and love be now and ev- er giv'n

the glo- ries of my God and King, the tri- umphs of his grace!
 to spread thro' all the earth a- broad the hon- ors of your name.
 'tis mu- sic in the sin- ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul- est clean, his blood a- vailed for me.
 by saints be- low and saints a- bove, the Church in earth and heav'n. A - men.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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 AZMON

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

You Never Let Go

Matt Redman



1. E-ven though I walk through the val-ley of the sha-dow of death, Your
2. I can see the light that is com-ing for the heart that holds on A



per - fect love is cast - ing out fear and e - ven when I'm
glo - rious light be - yond all com - pare. and there will be an



caught in the mid-dle of storms of this life I won't turn back I know you are near
end to these trou-bles, but un - til that day comes, We'll live to know You here on the earth.



and I will fear no e - vil For my God is with - me, and if my God is



with - me, Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?



Oh no, You ne-ver let go, through the calm and through the storm Oh no, You ne-ver let go, in



e - very high and e - very low Oh no, You ne-ver let go Lord, You ne-ver let go of me.

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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.*

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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1 O love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry
 2 O light that fol - l'west all my way, I yield my flick - 'ring
 3 O joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my
 4 O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to

soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
 fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be. A - men.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

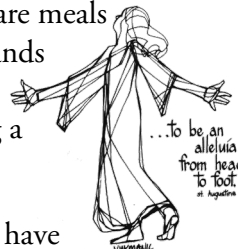
For your prayers this week:

- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, recently diagnosed with colon cancer in addition to unknowns surrounding heart failure
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, readmitted to the hospital last Sunday
- **Sally Johnson**, recuperating after hip replacement surgery on July 29
- **Elizabeth Petersen**, recuperating after a fall in her home and feeling that she's improving
- **Tim Johnson and family**, as his brother, Darryl, is now on hospice in Seattle

Missionary Prayer Spotlight: James Ventress, missionary in Alaska, requests prayer as he seeks a way to insure their church's new bike shop. Their insurance company will provide a policy for the shop's regular activities and the building, but they have a problem with the idea of offering the space in the winter months to people without garages so they can make light repairs to their own vehicles. The insurance company thinks the church is trying to get into the repair business, which isn't the case; they only wish to offer a space for people to do work they would do themselves anyway, but inside where it's warm and there's a coffee pot and a pastor to hold a flashlight or pass a wrench. The insurance company sees it as too big a risk, so James is looking for a way to insure the shop separately and adequately.

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



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 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.

The rosebud at the front of the sanctuary today announces the birth of Eva Grace Starr (pronounced Ava), born on August 7 to David and Scotland Grace Starr. Eva was 6 lbs., 3 oz. and 19 inches long at birth. Uncles Jonathan and Matthew Starr, Grandma Kristen Starr, and Great-grandpa Mel Soderstrom are as pleased as can be!

A memorial service for Tom Kelly will take place on Saturday, August 24, at 10 am in our sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the parlors. An email with the bulletins and livestream links for this bilingual service will be sent the week prior to the service. Peace to his memory.

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 in the morning, grab some lunch, and head to the field. ***Please register by the end of the day today!*** 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.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, August 18:**
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Save the date to save lives! On September 21, from 10 am to 2 pm, we will host a blood drive through [Versiti](#). Appointments are required, so [please click here to sign up](#). Every donation is needed to meet the high demand from hospitals in your community. You can make a difference. We hope to see you there!

Swedish Hospital Foundation will be hosting its [annual benefit gala](#) on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the Hilton Chicago. Proceeds from the 2024 Gala will go toward Swedish Hospital's mission-driven programs that partner with the community in treating patients affected by food insecurity, intimate partner violence, and mental health needs. We invite you to join us by making a sponsorship gift or purchasing a ticket. To purchase a ticket and/or to sponsor the gala, [please click here](#).

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, August 12

- 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 13

- 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 Trustees Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 7:30 pm Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Parlors)

Thursday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 17

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

Sunday, August 18

- 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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