



# **NORTH PARK**

## **COVENANT CHURCH**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
+ THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

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PRELUDE

We Gather Together (99)  
arr. Mark Hayes  
Sam Parnin, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

CHORAL INTROIT

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor" (716)  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion; they cannot be moved.

**The Lord surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore.**

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts.

**Peace be upon your people, O God. Now and forevermore. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN (Insert)

All Are Welcome

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

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alyssa Anderson, Reader  
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
James 2:1-10, 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

CHORAL ANTHEM

Praise Him!  
Craig Courtney

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.

Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him for his mighty acts.

Praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him!

I will extol the Lord, my God, and I will bless His name forever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. He is righteous and holy.

The Lord is gracious and kind, full of compassion, slow to anger.  
His tender mercies are over all His works; the Lord is good to all.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Blessing Backpacks and the Year Ahead

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Insert)

Build Your Kingdom Here  
Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, William Herron  
2011 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
Led by Anders Johnson, Robert Johnson,  
Jeanette Mottl, Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

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

Amazing Grace (341)  
arr. Cindy Berry

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING SONG (Insert)

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me  
Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson  
2018 CityAlight Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)  
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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Ye Into the World  
John Turner  
Brian Ward, Keyboard

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

*Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.*

*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.*

# ALL ARE WELCOME

Text and Music  
by Marty Haugen  
Tune: TWO OAKS



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and  
3. Let us build a house where love is found in  
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -  
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and  
words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,  
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -  
dare to seek to dream God's reign a -  
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've  
taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of  
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as  
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -  
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bears the  
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall  
sym - bol of God s grace; Here as one we claim the  
vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the  
im - age of God s face, Let us bring an end to  
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:  
faith of Je - sus; } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,  
feast that frees us;  
fear and dan - ger:  
floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come in this place.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

887

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*

# Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective



Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts a -  
We seek Your king - dom first, We hun - ger and we  
Un - leash Your king - dom's power. Rea - ching the near and



gain, In - crease in us we pray, Un - veil why we're  
thirst. Re - fuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and  
far, No force of hell can stop Your beau - ty chang - ing



made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our  
prize. To see the cap - tive hearts re - leased, the hurt, the sick, the  
hearts. You made us for much more than this, a - wake the king - dom

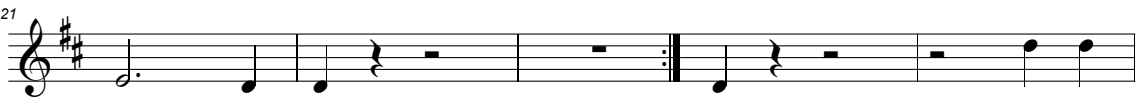


ver - y souls. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now.  
poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause.  
seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.




We are Your church. We need Your  
We are Your church. We pray: "Re -  
We are Your church. We are the

1. 2.



pow'r in us Build Your  
vive this on earth."  
hope on earth.

26



king - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your migh - ty

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of music, measures 26 through 30. It is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "king - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your migh - ty".

31



hand. Heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire, Win this

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of music, measures 31 through 35. It continues on the same treble clef staff and key signature. The melody features quarter notes, eighth notes, and a half note. The lyrics are: "hand. Heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire, Win this".

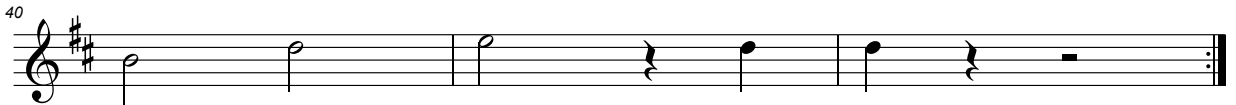
36



na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build your

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of music, measures 36 through 39. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build your".

40



king - dom here we pray.

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth and final line of music, measures 40 through 43. The melody concludes with quarter notes and rests. The lyrics are: "king - dom here we pray." The staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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 4/4. 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.*



# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, and Jonny Robinson



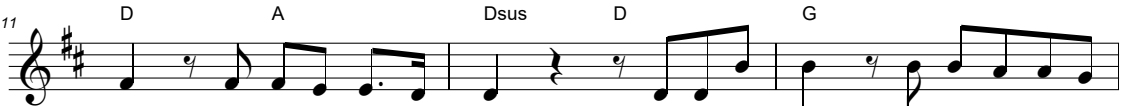
What gift of  
The night is  
No fate I  
With e - very



grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er. There is no more for hea - ven now to  
dark, but I am not for - sak - en. For by my side, the Sav - iour, He will  
dread, I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture sure, the price it has been  
breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus. For He has said that He will bring me



give He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom My stead - fast  
stay. I la - bour on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing; In my  
paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and He was  
home, and day by day, I know He will re - new me un - til I



love; my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly  
need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de -  
raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de -  
stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



Je - sus; for my life is whol - ly bound to His. Oh how  
fend me; through the deep - est val - ley He will lead. Oh the  
feat - ed; Je - sus now and e - ver is my plea. Oh the  
Je - sus; All the glo - ry e - ver - more to Him. When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing, all is mine, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
chains are re - leased, I can sing, I am free, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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

## For your prayers this week:

- **Caitlin Hunt Brody**, Barbara and Francis Hunt's daughter, recuperating after an extensive skin cancer operation last Wednesday
- **Lynn and Pete Pearson**, preparing to move to Covenant Living of Northbrook September 19
- **Elizabeth Johnson**, mourning the passing of her father, Ken Johnson, on August 26
- **Terri Njaa**, currently in skilled nursing in Lake Geneva, WI, after multiple health challenges
- Art Thorson's nephew, **Matthew Carlson**, in need of a new kidney
- Terri Njaa and Sig Hulburt's sister, **Ingrid "Inky" Newlin**, home again from the hospital
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, recuperating after surgery related to his internal defibrillator
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, who is not healing in the ways he and his doctors had hoped
- **Tim Johnson and family**, as his brother, Darryl, is on hospice in Seattle

**Missionary Prayer Spotlight:** Peter and Anna Kim, missionaries in Taiwan, will be returning to the U.S. over the summer of 2025 for a year-long home assignment, and their second child, Nehemiah, will attend college. Please pray with them that they will find lodging in Lafayette, Indiana. Please also pray that they will be graced with tuition assistance to cover Peter's online coursework for his marriage and family counseling license.

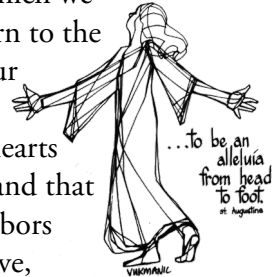


**Welcome to North Park Covenant Church!** If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

**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.

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

As we enter the month of September and continue in prayer for the neighborhoods and communities in which we live and work, we return to the idea of praying with our hearts. This month, let us pray that our own hearts would be set to right, and that the hearts of our neighbors would be filled with love, peace, and joy; each heart softened to hear the Good News of Christ at work in their lives, as we long to hear it in our own lives and in the world.



*"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God." - Psalm 84:1-2*

**Sunday School for all ages begins next Sunday, September 15!** Please take a moment to register your children (preschool through 6th grade) for our Sunday morning gatherings, using the QR code at the right. We meet each week from 9:15-10:15 am in the junior chapel (just off of the parlors) for singing and sharing, learning and fun. We'd love to have your kids with us!



**We will commission our lay leaders next Sunday, September 15.** If you are a lay leader in any area of the church, please be sure to be in church that Sunday so we can recognize and commission you!

**Join us in welcoming Sam Parnin!** Please join us next Sunday, September 15, following worship for a special coffee hour to welcome Sam Parnin, our new organist!

**It is soon time for our semiannual virtual prayer vigil,** praying in the comfort of your own home for half an hour using provided prayer materials. This has been an exciting year in our church. As prayer is considered foundation-building in any church, all who have participated in the past are strong builders of that foundation on which we lean so heavily! Come join us again on Saturday, September 21. For our spring vigil, every slot was filled! Let's make that happen again this fall by [signing up here](#). You will receive your prayer materials by the end of the day on Friday, September 20. Let's come together boldly in prayer on September 21!

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, September 15:**

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

**Does your pet need blessing?** Our annual pet blessing is open to pets and people of all kinds! Come to the south garden on Saturday, September 21, at 10 am with your favorite non-human friend for this time of blessing and fellowship.

**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 strongly encouraged, so [please click here to sign up](#). Every donation is needed to meet the high demand from hospitals in our community. You can make a difference. We hope to see you there!

**Save the date, dear and fun women of North Park Covenant Church!** On Saturday, October 19, we will gather for our next Women's Brunch at 10 am in the parlors. The agenda is simple: food, fellowship, and fun with a mini project around the tables and a chance to open our hearts to Mary Chase-Ziolek as she leads us in a time of enhancing our faith walk! [To register, please click here](#).

**Volunteers are needed** 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 by clicking here](#).

## 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, September 9*

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study Begins (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, September 10*

- 8 am Men's Bible Study Begins (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 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)

### *Wednesday, September 11*

- 10 am Women's Bible Study Begins (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 6 pm Gather Dinner Begins (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal Begins (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
- Contemporary Music Rehearsal Begins (Choir Room)
- 7 pm Middle-school Youth Group Begins (Youth Room near the Gym)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Begins (Choir Room)

### *Thursday, September 12*

- 8 am East Wall Project Progress Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### *Friday, September 13*

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering Begins (South Chapel Prayer Corner)

### *Saturday, September 14*

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 9 am NPU/Exodus World Services Service Day (Various Locations)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Sunday, September 15*

- 9 am Confirmation Begins (Large Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade Begins (Junior Chapel)
- Adult Formation Begins (Parlors)
- Bible Journaling Begins (Art Room)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal Begins (Junior Chapel)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group Begins (The Attic Youth Room)
- AA Meeting (Parlors)

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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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