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PRELUDE

Blessed Jesu
Johannes Brahms
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 26

Declare me innocent, O Lord, for I have acted with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Put me on trial, Lord, and cross-examine me;

test my motives and my heart.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

and I walk in faithfulness to you.

My feet stand on level ground;

in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Lord Most High
Don Harris, Gary Sadler

1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

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

* 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

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord
René Clausen
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director
Ann Boyd, Soprano

All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia!

Praise the Lord with joyful song, sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, alleluia, praise Him!

Praise the Lord with joyful song, alleluia.

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord.
All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia!
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
sing to the Lord a newmade song, praise His name, alleluia.

Unto Thee, O Lord, have I made supplication, and cried unto the rock of my salvation;
but Thou hast heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.

All that hath life and breath praise Him (alleluia).
Praise him, alleluia...
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul praise him, for He is thy health and salvation.

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord! Praise the Lord with joyful song! Alleluia!
All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Laud Him! Praise Him! Laud Him! Alleluia!

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading	Job 1:1, 2:1-10
New Testament Reading	Psalm 26
* Gospel Reading	Mark 10:2-16
The Word of the Lord.	
Thanks be to God.	

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 657

Thanks to God for My Redeemer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*All who believe in Christ and desire to live a life directed by the Holy Spirit
are invited to participate in this sacrament. A gluten-free option is available.*

A Great Thanksgiving

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music 560

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Please join in singing the refrain as you come forward for communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Verse
Peter Hurford
Sam Parnin, Organ

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 73

God, My God, in Heaven Above

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior (675)

POSTLUDE

Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan
Johann Gottfried Walther

** 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.*

Lord Most High

Don Harris and Gary Sadler

From the ends of the earth From the ends of the earth From the
4 depths of the sea From the depths of the sea From the heights of the hea - vens
7 heights of the hea - vens Your name be praised From the hearts of the weak
11 hearts of the weak From the shouts of the strong From the shouts of the strong
14 lips of all peo - ple This song we raise Lord
From the lips of all peo - ple This song we raise Lord
18 Through-out the end - less a - ges You will be crowned with prais-es Lord Most
Through-out the end - less a - ges You will be crowned with prais-es Lord Most
23 High Ex - alt - ed in e - very na - tion Sovereign of all cre - a - tion
High Ex - alt - ed in e - very na - tion Sovereign of all cre - a - tion
28 Lord Most High be mag - ni - fied
Lord Most High be mag - ni - fied

657 Thanks to God for My Redeemer



1 Thanks to God for my Re-deem-er, thanks for all thou dost pro-vide!
 2 Thanks for prayers that thou hast an-swered, thanks for what thou dost de-ny!
 3 Thanks for ros-es by the way-side, thanks for thorns their stems con-tain!
Tack, O Gud, för vad du va-rit, tack för allt, vad du be-skär!



Thanks for times now but a mem-'ry, thanks for Je-sus by my side!
 Thanks for storms that I have weath-ered, thanks for all thou dost sup-ply!
 Thanks for home and thanks for fire-side, thanks for hope, that sweet re-frain!
Tack för ti-der-na, som ja-rit, tack för stun-den, som nu är!



Thanks for pleas-ant, balm-y spring-time, thanks for dark and drear-y fall!
 Thanks for pain and thanks for plea-sure, thanks for com-fort in de-spair!
 Thanks for joy and thanks for sor-row, thanks for heav'n-ly peace with thee!
Tack för lju-sa var-ma vå-ror, tack för mörk och ku-len höst!



Thanks for tears by now for-got-ten, thanks for peace with-in my soul!
 Thanks for grace that none can mea-sure, thanks for love be-yond com-pare!
 Thanks for hope in the to-mor-row, thanks through all e-ter-ni-ty!
Tack för re-dan glöm-da tå-rar, tack för fri-den i mitt bröst!



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ invites us all to the Holy Feast.

As we have gathered this morning,

We remember our sisters and brothers in Christ

from east to west,

north and south;

from every corner of the earth.

We are one body, united through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Thus, let us celebrate all who belong to the body of Christ.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We do indeed praise you, eternal God,

for out of your thought, you spoke the world into spinning beauty.

After scooping together a little earth,

you animated humans with your heart's breath;

your glory shines forth

and out of the soil comes abundant harvest.

We praise you for this earth, for life and breath,

for beauty we have seen and for wonders still to come.

From the beginning, your living Word has guided and corrected us.

Your prophets spoke your oracles, leading us to obedience

and preparing us for the coming of your Son.

We praise you for Christ, who chose to come as one of us,

and lived among us full of grace and truth.

For us He became poor, and knew the sadness in our days;

and for us He died on the cross and was buried.

In Him we know forgiveness and lifting of burdens.

He brings light to our darkness and opens our eyes to your great glory.

For you raised Him from the dead, and He is now Lord of all creation.

And through His Holy Spirit, we who are represented by many nations, ethnicities, and cultures are members of His body.

The church, full of its diversity and plurality, are heirs to the promise of eternal life.

Therefore, with grateful hearts we join all of creation, all of the faithful,

to offer you back our breath, saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and majesty,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
O God most high!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
O God most high!**

Blessed are you, O Lord, Jesus.
Out of the fullness of your divinity,
You trampled the dominion of death.
In the midst of human lack,
you made a feast.
While sitting down at the table with your disciples
you broke bread saying,
“Take eat, this is my body for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”
In the same manner, you took the cup, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**We remember you, Lord Jesus,
confident we shall know you in the breaking of the bread.
We remember you, O Christ,
confident you will seal the new covenant in our hearts
as we drink this cup.**

O Holy Spirit,
who brought us here to commemorate the risen Lord,
reconcile the areas of brokenness in the body of Christ,
give us the desire and power to be united with one another,
draw all brothers and sisters in Christ together, Lord Jesus,
for you have loved all and died for all.

**O God, who called us from death to life;
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all the ages,
we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain (in unison)

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with

gift of fin - est wheat; come give to us, O

sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat. *Fine*

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then

SACRAMENTS AND BLESSING

know and heed his voice; so when you call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, that you should count us
 blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, to serve each oth - er

fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
 wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

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.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

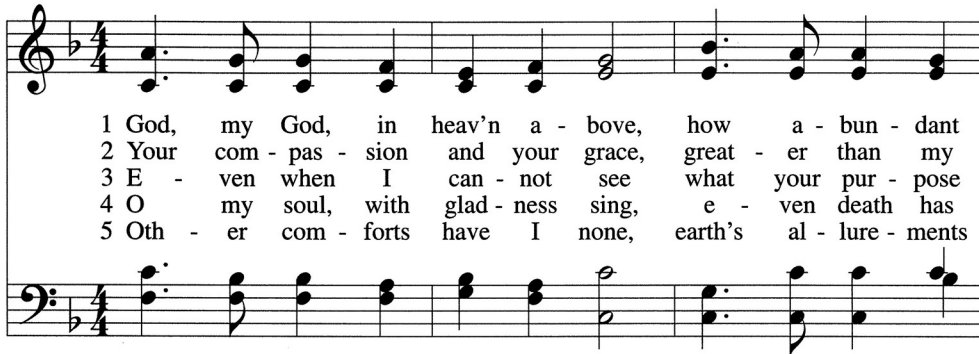
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Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

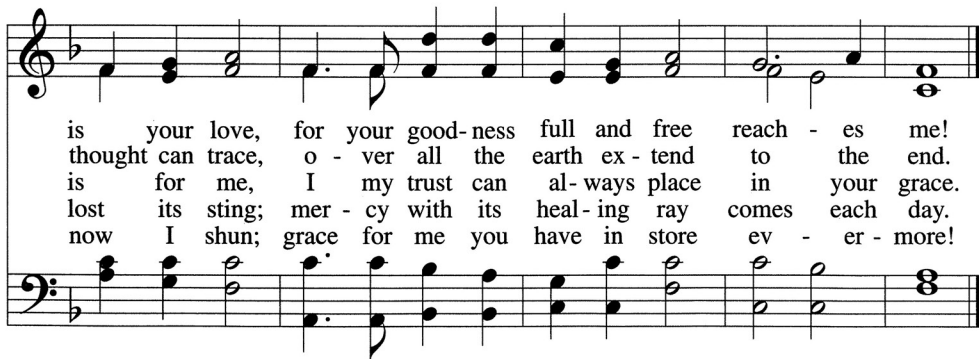
Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

God, My God, in Heaven Above

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1 God, my God, in heav'n a - bove, how a - bun - dant
2 Your com - pas - sion and your grace, great - er than my
3 E - ven when I can - not see what your pur - pose
4 O my soul, with glad - ness sing, e - ven death has
5 Oth - er com - forts have I none, earth's al - lure - ments



is your love, for your good-ness full and free reach - es me!
thought can trace, o - ver all the earth ex - tend to the end.
is for me, I my trust can al - ways place in your grace.
lost its sting; mer - cy with its heal - ing ray comes each day.
now I shun; grace for me you have in store ev - er - more!

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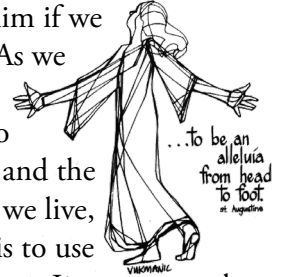
Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online! *We're glad you're here.*

For your prayers this week:

- **Lori Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Rose Johnson, last week
- **Dorothy Schmidt**, as she searches for a new apartment, and for her nephews **Jeff Kohn** and **David Schmidt**, as they anticipate difficult medical procedures
- **all those affected by Hurricane Helene**
- **all those affected by the ongoing Israel-Hamas war**, as it approaches one year of conflict
- **members the School of Restorative Arts**, currently at Stateville Correctional Center, as they are moved to new locations; that they will cling to hope in Christ as they settle in and, hopefully, find community and support
- **Terri Njaa, Sig Hulburt, and family**, mourning the passing of their sister Ingrid Newlin
- **Sally Adams and family**, mourning the passing of her brother Edgar Adams
- **Tim Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of his brother, Darryl, on September 9
- Joline Paska's brother-in-law, **Steve Pelz**, recuperating after open heart surgery last Monday
- Rosemary Slaughter's cousin **Joanie Mikesell**, recuperating after a stroke and unrelated broken hand
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, undergoing chemo and radiation
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson** seeing improvement in his progress, which is much-welcomed

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Scripture tells us that our Almighty God shoulders the weight of all of heaven and earth, and Jesus invites us to shoulder our own cross and follow him if we are to be his disciples. As we continue this year to use our whole bodies to pray for our neighbors and the communities in which we live, our focus for October is to use our shoulders in prayer. Let us, together, help our neighbors to shoulder the complexities and difficulties of life, holding them in prayer. And, as our nation journeys toward election day, may we shoulder the honestly beautiful and truthfully difficult parts of our country and our story and bring it all before our God, trusting the Creator with it all. We live in the City of Big Shoulders, after all.



Anyone who won't shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can't be my disciple.

- Luke 14:27 (The Message)



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.

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.

Fall 2024 Pastoral Review Process: After worship on October 20 and 27, NPCC's co-chairs, Susan Dawson and Nancy Ebner, will meet in the corner nursery off the south chapel with any individuals who wish to comment on the performance of our two co-pastors, Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter. Your comments will be confidential and shared only with the pastors.

Monday afternoon tutoring has started with gusto! We have three students who need tutors. Could you be here from 4 to 5:30 pm once a week? If so, reach out to Christine Olfelt at olfelt@sbcglobal.net.

New East Wall Project Images: We have added more images to the East Wall Construction Shutterfly folder as the work continues to progress. If you haven't taken a look in a while, [click here!](#)

Join us for a service project! The Board of Community Concern invites you to join in making hygiene packs for our homeless neighbors on the north side after Gather on Wednesday, October 9. We will assemble 100 packs that will be given to the North Area Center of the Chicago Department of Family & Support Services.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, October 13:**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

North Park Church Cooperative Preschool invites you to participate in a dine & share fundraiser on Tuesday, October 15. Head to Chick-fil-A at Addison and Elston avenues on October 15 between 4 and 7 pm, mention North Park Church Cooperative Preschool when you place your order, and 10% of the night's sales will be donated to the Preschool. They will also have an ice cream toppings bar available for those who attend!

On Wednesday, October 16, we're heading to Libertyville to eat dinner and pack meals at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)! We will meet at Culver's (803 E Park Ave) at 6 pm and then head over to the FMSC location (742 E Park Ave) to pack meals from 7:15-8:45 pm. Please [click here to sign up](#) (if prompted, use code 0PV656)! If you have any questions or would like to join us but need a ride, please [reach out to Jeanette](#). Please note that this event is in place of all Wednesday night activities at church. All who would like to participate are welcome!

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! Please [click here to register!](#)

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 here](#)

From the Church Treasurer: Through September 30, 2024, General Fund offering received totals \$437,829 compared to the year-to-date budget of \$487,500. With three months to go in 2024, we need \$212,171 of General Fund offering to make budget. Total income through September is \$515,295 compared to total expenses of \$532,783. This means that, through September, expenses exceeded income by \$17,488. Thank you to all who have given to get us where we are year-to-date. Thank you to those who are planning to give in coming weeks and months. And thank you to those who support NPCC with time, talents, and prayer. If you have questions about the numbers or about giving, please contact Joline (treasurer@npcovenant.org).

Biking for Congo Means Biking for Health: For the last several years, members and friends of North Park Covenant Church have joined the Paul Carlson Partnership in helping to raise money for our brothers and sisters in Congo by biking (or running or walking or skating or swimming!) 31 miles during the month of October. We invite you to join in again!

Did you know that some people in DR Congo travel more than 50 kilometers (31 miles) on a bicycle to a hospital, while sick or injured? And what's even harder to believe is that, when they arrive at the hospital, limited medicines, clean water, and medical training often prevent them from getting better. This annual fundraising event to support healthcare in DR Congo helps the Paul Carlson Partnership to raise \$50,000 to train healthcare workers, improve access to clean water, provide medicines and supplies, and care for those in need. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2024-bike4congo> for more information.

And if you do decide to participate, let Pastor Libby or Pastor Jeff know so we can celebrate together as a church family!.

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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, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (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 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, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

- 9 am Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
Adult Formation (Parlors)
Bible Journaling (Art Room)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
- 1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Plant Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
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.