



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

OCTOBER 13, 2024
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PRELUDE

Ode to Joy (11)
Sophie Schukas, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Moment for Mission

A Word about Pastoral Reviews

Libby Piotrowski
Annalisa Ward for the Covenant Kids Congo Bake Sale
Nancy Ebner, Church Co-chair

INTROIT

He Has Done Marvelous Things
Traditional
Children's Vocal Ensemble, Brian Ward, Director
He has done marvelous things!
Praise the Lord!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 22:1-15
adapted from Joan Stott, led by Kajsa Ward

We gather together to worship the God of our ancestors, who trusted in the God of life.

We come with humble thanks, for our God is real!

We come with our needs and concerns, as life is complicated.

Come to us, God, with your breath of new life.

Holy God, despite our sinful nature and our mistakes,
we can confidently say, "You are our God!"

So, despite our fears and doubts;

we praise and thank our life-giving God,

who has never left us or forsaken us.

All praise be to our trustworthy God.

Amen.

* OPENING SONG

He Will Hold Me Fast
Ada Ruth Habershon, Matthew Merker
2013 Getty Music Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)
Matthew Merker Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)
Led by Anders Johnson, Jeanette Mottl, Sam Parnin,
Brian Ward, Lauren Wargaski, and Ryan Wendt

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

Sophie Schukas

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jude Kiltz and Rivers Kiltz

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Amari Berg Sophie Schukas
Faye Kiltz Kajsa Ward
Eleanore Schukas

Distribution of Bibles to Our Third Graders

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading
* Gospel Reading
 The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Job 23:1-9, 16-17, read by Annalisa Ward
Hebrews 4:12-16, read by Faye Kiltz
Mark 10:17-31, read by Talitha Kiltz

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Will Call Upon the Lord
 Michael O'Shields
 Sunday School Children

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.
 So shall I be saved from my enemies.
 I will call upon the Lord.
 The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
 and let the God of my Salvation be exalted.

MESSAGE

Where Is God on My Bad Days?
 written by Sherri Stevens,
 read by Libby Piotrowski

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

written by Kajsa Ward, read by Faye Kiltz

ANTHEM

Take My Life
 Chris Tomlin, Frances Ridley Havergal,
 Henri Abraham, Cesar Malan, Louie Giglio
 2003 Rising Springs Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
 Vamos Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine. It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own. It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet, its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.
(Take my life, Lord, take my life, take all of me.)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

This morning's offering will be collected by our Sunday School Children.

Offertory

Amazing Grace (341)

arr. Brian Ward

Annalisa Ward, Oboe

Brian Ward, Piano

* Doxology

Doxology

Thomas Ken

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Flourish

Alan Bullard

Sam Parnin, Organ

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

Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.

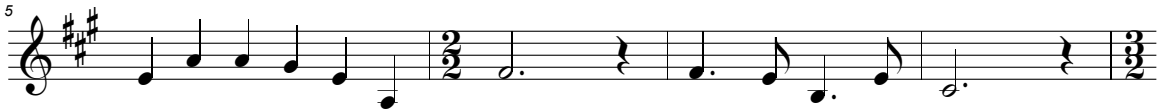
*In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen
in the box's drawer for your use.*

He Will Hold Me Fast

Ada Ruth Havershon

Matthew Merker

Allegro (♩ = 120)



When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
Those He saves are His de - light Christ will hold me fast
For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast



When the temp - ter would pre - vail He will hold me fast
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight He will hold me fast
Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied He will hold me fast



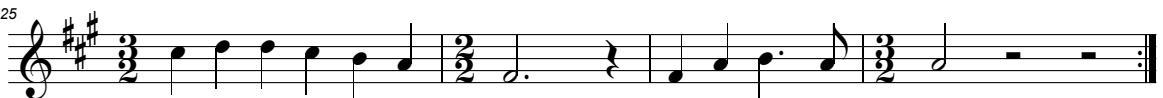
I could ne - ver keep my hold through life's fear - ful path
He'll not let my soul be lost His pro - mis - es shall last
Raised with Him to end-less life He will hold me fast



For my love is of - ten cold He must hold me fast
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last



He will hold me fast He will hold me fast



For my Sa - viour loves me so He will hold me fast.

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.

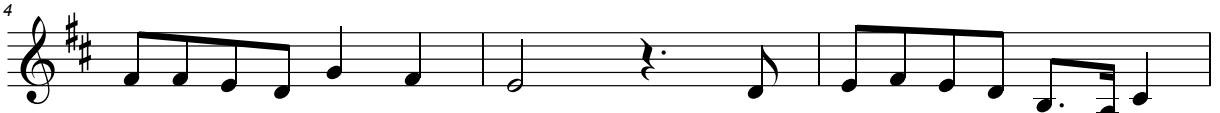
Traditional

Doxology

Thomas Ken



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise



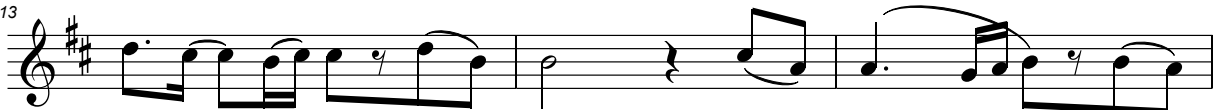
him, all crea-tures here be - low. Praise him a - bove, ye heav - en-ly



host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Praise to the Fa - ther praise to the Son Praise to the Spi - rit, our



God three in one, praise God praise God praise



God from whom all bless - ings flow.

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This Is Amazing Grace

Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farrow, and Phil Wickham

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems of music, each with lyrics underneath. The first system (measures 1-4) features a melodic line with lyrics: "Whoa, oh, oh. Whoa, oh, oh." The second system (measures 5-7) continues the melody with lyrics: "Who breaks the pow - er of sin and dark - ness? Whose love is migh - ty and leaves us breath - less. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der? Who makes the or - phan Who brings our cha - os back in - to or - der? Who shines like the sun in Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus - tice, shines like the sun in". The third system (measures 8-10) has lyrics: "and so much strong - er? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. in awe and won - der? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. a son and daugh - ter? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. all of its bril - liance? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings." The fourth system (measures 11-13) includes a first ending (1. Eb maj7) and a second ending (2. Eb maj7) with lyrics: "This is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love,". The fifth system (measures 14-17) has lyrics: "that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and repeat signs.

B \flat **E \flat maj7**

Whoa, oh, oh. Whoa, oh, oh.

B \flat **E \flat maj7**

5 Who breaks the pow - er of sin and dark - ness? Whose love is migh - ty and leaves us breath - less. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der? Who makes the or - phan Who brings our cha - os back in - to or - der? Who shines like the sun in Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus - tice, shines like the sun in

Gm **F**

8 and so much strong - er? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. in awe and won - der? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. a son and daugh - ter? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. all of its bril - liance? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings.

1. E \flat maj7 **2. E \flat maj7**

11 This is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love,

B \flat **E \flat 9**

14 This is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love,

Gm7 **F**

18 that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

22 B \flat E \flat 9

You laid down Your life that I would be set free.

26 Gm7 F *Fine*

Whoa, Je - sus I sing for all that You've done for me.

29 B \flat B \flat

Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain.

33 E \flat 9 B \flat

Wor - thy is the King who con - quered the grave. Wor - thy is the Lamb was was slain.

36 E \flat 9

Wor - thy is the King who con - quered the grave.

39 Gm7 B \flat E \flat 9

Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain, wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy!

42 *D. S. al Fine*

This is a - maz - ing grace,

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

For your prayers this week:

- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, hospitalized after a fall in which he fractured his pelvis
- **Christino Colon**, Steven Colon's father, who is in poor health
- **Kimmy**, a North Park neighbor whose father passed away after a heart attack
- **Lori Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Rose Johnson
- **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 affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton**
- **all affected by the ongoing Israel-Hamas war**
- **members the School of Restorative Arts**, moving from Stateville Correctional Center to new locations; that they will cling to hope in Christ as they settle in and find community
- **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
- Joline Paska's brother-in-law, **Steve Pelz**, recuperating after open heart surgery
- Rosemary Slaughter's cousin **Joanie Mikesell**, recuperating after a stroke and unrelated broken hand
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, undergoing chemo and radiation

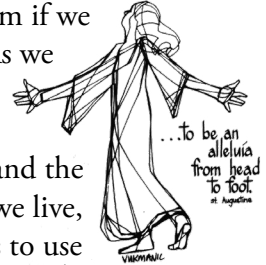


Welcome to North Park Covenant Church! If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) during 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

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)

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.

Covenant Living of Northbrook (CLON) will hold a hymn sing at Northbrook Covenant Church (2737 Techny Rd, Northbrook) this afternoon at 4 pm. The program, titled "A Festival of Psalms", has been organized by Royce Eckhardt and will include presentations by the CLON Choir.

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 between 4 and 7 pm that day, 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 bar available for those who attend!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, October 20:**

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

This Wednesday, October 16, we're heading to Libertyville to eat dinner and pack meals at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)! We'll meet at the Libertyville 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 to 8:45 pm. Registration is required, so 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 are welcome!

Save the date, dear and fun women of North Park Covenant Church! On Saturday, October 19, we will gather in the parlors at 10 am for our next Women's Brunch. 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](#).

Night of the Walking Taco Returns! Need a little sustenance for trick-or-treating on Halloween night? Well, don your creepiest, coolest, or cleverest Halloween attire and make your way to the corner of Christiana and Berwyn between 5:30 and 7 pm. We'll be there to hand you a cup of hot cocoa and a walking taco, all free! Don't know what a walking taco is? Come and find out... if you dare!

We invite you to a New Member Class! Have you been considering becoming a member of North Park Covenant Church? Do you have questions about the church and/or the Covenant denomination? Would you like to learn more without an obligation to join the church? We'd love to have you join us at our next New Member Class, which will be offered on Saturday, November 16, from 9 am to 1 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be included! Please let Pastor Libby or Pastor Jeff know of your interest, and we'll add your name to the list and be in touch!

Calling all K-8 student artists! The church library is looking for art to post on its bulletin board. For six different coloring sheets and more information, visit the library.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 16

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
6 pm	All-church Dinner (Culver's, 803 E Park Ave, Libertyville)
7:15 pm	Feed My Starving Children Packing Session (742 E Park Ave, Libertyville)

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

1 pm	Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)
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Saturday, October 19

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
10 am	Women's Brunch (Parlors)

Sunday, October 20

9 am	Intergenerational Sunday School and All-church Breakfast (Parlors)
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.