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PRELUDE

Thy Holy Wings, Dear Savior (80)  
arr. Sam Parnin  
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter



INTROIT

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (369, verses 1 and 3)  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—

**my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.**

One thing I asked of the Lord;

**this I seek:**

to live in the house of the Lord

**all the days of my life,**

to behold the beauty of the Lord,

**and to inquire in his temple.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

**be gracious to me and answer me!**

\* OPENING HYMN 425

What God Does, That Is Nobly Done

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

from the *Book of Common Prayer*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation  
Craig Courtney

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though evil-doers assail me,  
when adversaries attack me,  
they stumble and fall.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though an army besiege me,  
though war break out against me,  
my heart will not fear.

One thing I ask, one thing I seek of the Lord:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek Him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble  
He will hide me in His dwelling;  
and He will set me high upon a rock.  
Then shall my head be exalted  
above my enemies 'round about me;  
I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?  
The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
the Lord is my light!

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gabe Johnson, Reader

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Luke 13:31-35

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

You Are

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Led by Andrew Berg, Anders Johnson, Jeanette Mottl, Sam Parnin and Brian Ward

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (238)

Hans Leo Hassler, arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 339

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Processional

Vincenzo Petrali

*\* 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 for your use.*

## 425 What God Does, That Is Nobly Done

1 What God does, that is no - bly done, his will is righ - teous ev - er;  
 2 What God does, that is no - bly done, he is my light and trea - sure;  
 3 What God does, that is best, I know, in this I rest se - cure - ly;

and what with me he has be - gun he will a - ban - don nev - er.  
 my fight with e - vil will be won, his gifts I can - not mea - sure.  
 though o'er the rough - est road I go, he guides my feet so sure - ly.

He is my Lord, who by his Word will ev - er  
 Through joy or woe I with him go, wher - ev - er  
 From sin and harm, in Fa - ther - arm, with love he

sure - ly guide me, and al - ways walk be - side me.  
 he would take me: God nev - er will for - sake me.  
 shall en - fold me, and safe - ly God will hold me.

# You Are

David Crowder, Ed Cash, and Hank Bentley

*Allegro* (♩ = 110)



Nev - er mo - ving                      like a moun - tain                      nev - er end - ing  
Ev - er wait - ing                      for the wea - ry;                      ev - er want - ing



like the                      sea;                      like a sun - rise                      bring - ing blue skies,  
them to                      see                      there is ran - som,                      there's for - give - ness



Your light is all a - round me.                      Though I'm prone to leave Your  
Your hope is all a - round me.



side                      You chase me like the tide.                      You are



con - stant in my wan - der - ing.                      You are bright - er



than the dark in me.                      You are the love that



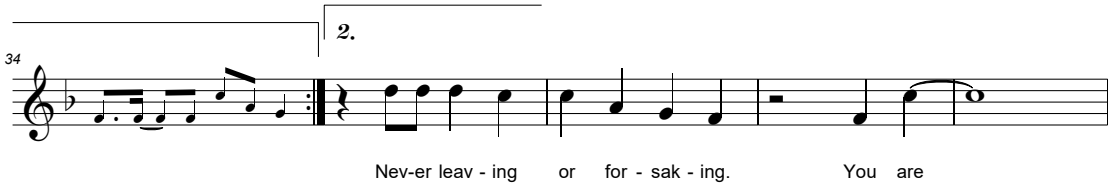
sets me free.                      You are faith - ful,                      You are faith - ful,

30 Last time to Coda  1.



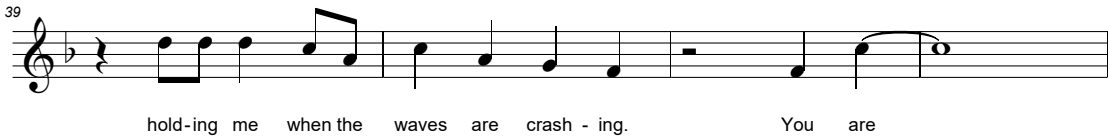
You are

34 2.



Nev-er leav - ing or for - sak - ing. You are

39



hold-ing me when the waves are crash - ing. You are

43



pul-ling me like grav - i - ty in - to Your arms, in - to Your arms, in -

47 *D.S. al Coda*



to Your arms. You are

51  Coda



55



## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a series of chords and single notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The upper staff features a mix of chords and moving lines. The lower staff provides a steady harmonic support with chords and single notes.

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The upper staff has a more active melodic line with eighth notes and quarter notes. The lower staff provides a final harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes, ending with a double bar line.



## How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

339

*In unison*

1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place,  
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day  
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;

my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.  
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.  
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.

The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;  
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord  
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,

and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.  
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.  
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

WORDS: Based on Psalm 84, para. Arlo D. Duba, 1929-, © 1986 Hope Publishing Company  
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1933-, © 1983 Hope Publishing Company

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 MERLE'S TUNE

Alternate tune: BLOMSTERTID, 94

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

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

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the west side of the 5200 block of N Bernard and the north side of the 3400 block of W Foster “*We pray that God would unveil within our neighbors and ourselves the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods their and our innermost beings with his divine might and explosive power.*” (Ephesians 3:16)
- **family and friends of Marcia Knudson**, former member here, who passed away on March 11
- **Lauren Wargaski**, recuperating after surgery this past Wednesday
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **Evelyn Haglund**, Diane Haglund’s mother, diagnosed with pneumonia
- **Larry H. Knipp**, recuperating after knee-replacement surgery on March 4
- **Elizabeth Petersen**, happy to be home again after a time in the hospital and in rehab
- **Christian Schuetz and family**, mourning the passing of his mother, Joan Schuetz, on February 25
- **family and friends of Joan Van Note**, who passed away on February 22
- **family and friends of LeRoy Johnson**, who passed away on February 8
- **two of Brian Ward’s students and their younger brother**, the older two of whom were injured and all of whose mother was killed in a domestic violence incident recently
- **Sandy Edstrom**, healing after breaking her foot
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh’s godson, undergoing chemotherapy



**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.

**Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant church plant** that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

**The spring issue of *The Covenant Home Altar***, our denomination’s daily devotional, is available for pick-up in the narthex today.

**Today is Corned Beef and Cabbage Day!** Those who RSVPd are welcome to join us in the parlors after worship for this meal, prepared for us by Les Carlstrom, Don Olson, and Joel Piotrowski.

**Watch for the church library table** at the Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch! We will showcase seasonal books as well as the new memorial titles. There will also be a quiz to match titles to book characters with prizes awarded!

**The Nominating Committee needs your help!** If you're a member and looking for an opportunity to serve in our life together as a church, there are openings on the Trustee, Deacon, and Christian Formation boards; the Human Resources, Memorials, Mutual Ministry, Hospitality, and Stewardship committees; and in the role of Church Treasurer. If you're interested in any of these opportunities, reach out to Nancy Ebner at [nancylebner@gmail.com](mailto:nancylebner@gmail.com).

**Lenten Music Playlist Available:** We thought it might be nice to share some of the music you'll hear during our worship services this season, some of which might be new to you. To that end, Jeanette has set up a [Lenten playlist](#) on Spotify. You don't need a Spotify account to listen, but if you don't, you can expect to have a few ads pop up. We invite you to give it a listen!

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, March 23:**

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

**An invitation from the congregation of Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico de Albany Park:** We invite you to join us weekly for our new English-language church services every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 am, a time of worship for any believer who does not fear being in the trenches with Latino worshipers, and a secondary service to support the core Spanish church, whose service follows at 11:30 am. We will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Until we attract new worshipers, all ministries are available: ushers, worship, music,

dance, kitchen, etc. Whether you choose to serve a while or visit now and then, please share this with friends and family. We are located at 4516 N. Kedzie Avenue.

**Mark your calendars for June 16-20,** because VBS will be here before we know it! This year, we'll discover how Jesus invites us to Step Right Up into some marvelous and extraordinary things! We need lots of help to make VBS possible, so if you're interested in volunteering for all or some of the week, [please let Jeanette know](#). Registration for students will open the first week in May!

**NPCC may send three delegates** to Celebration, the Central Conference Annual Meeting, on May 2-3 in Libertyville, IL, and to Gather, the denominational Annual Meeting, on June 26-28 in Orlando, FL, or remotely. If you would like to be a delegate, please contact a co-chair (Nancy Ebner or Susan Dawson) or a co-pastor.

**For our March selection, the North Park Readers** have picked *The Strange Case of Dr. Coney* by Dawn Raffel. This book tells the story of a Coney Island doctor who revolutionized neonatal care more than 100 years ago by using incubators to keep fragile newborns alive, all while displaying them at venues across the nation. We will be meeting on Tuesday, March 25, at 7 pm at Tre Kronor (3258 W Foster).

**New Members Class to be Held** on Saturday, April 5! Have you been wondering about membership at North Park Covenant Church and what it might mean? Do you have questions about the church and/or the Covenant denomination? Would you like to learn more, without the obligation to join the church? We'd love to have you join us in our next New Members Class, which will take place on Saturday, April 5, from 9 am to 1 pm. Please let Pastor Libby or Pastor Jeff know if you're interested!

## 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, March 17*

- 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 (Large Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, March 18*

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

### *Wednesday, March 19*

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
- 5 pm Midweek Pause for Youth Group Kids (Jeanette's Office)
- 6 pm Gather Dinner (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)  
Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 pm Knit or Not (Parlors)  
Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### *Friday, March 21*

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (Edstrom Home)

### *Saturday, March 22*

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:15 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Sunday, March 23 - The Third Sunday in Lent*

- 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)
- 1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
- 3 pm Figueroa/Salmon Birthday Party - Private (Gym)
- 6 pm Lenten Worship Service (South Chapel)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)  
AA Meeting (Parlors)

# 2025 Easter Memorials/Honoraria

You are invited to honor or memorialize a loved one, either with a flowering plant or a monetary gift. This year's donations will go toward our camping fund. Whether you choose one option or both, your name/s will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20. *The deadline to submit a form is Friday, March 21.*



- I/We would like to order \_\_\_\_ Easter plant/s at \$25/plant.
- I/We would like to make a donation to support the camping fund.

Check     Cash     Online

Amount paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: If paying online for a plant and making a donation, separate transactions must be done for each purpose, selecting Flowers or Camping from the drop-down menu.*

***A paper form must be submitted to the office, regardless of payment method.***

Given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Your name/s, as you would like it/them listed in the bulletin:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place this form and your payment (if not paying online) in the offering plate or bring them to the church office. Thank you!*

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

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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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