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PRELUDE

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Alastair Lewis
Johanna Frisk, Flute
Anna Wargaski, French Horn
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter



* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 126
Suelexia Rodriguez

Though we could be resentful,

we come to give thanks.

Though we could be complaining,

we come to offer appreciation.

Though we could be upset about what we lack,

we come in gratitude for what we have.

We enter now into this time of worship,

carrying seeds to sow, singing songs of joy, and rejoicing together.

* OPENING HYMN 23

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

written by Gill Le Fevre
Sebastian Fernandez and Siri Herbert

Merciful God, You see deep into our hearts and know us better than we know ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray, for the times we turn away from Your word.

Remind us that You are the Lord our God, our eternal protector and guide.

**For our impulses of anger and jealousy, scorn or spite,
grant us Your healing peace.**

**For our resistance to forgiveness, generosity, and mercy,
inspire us with Your compassion.**

Welcome now the abundant grace of God: In Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Let God's love comfort and heal your soul.

**Redeeming God, in You we are always welcomed and accepted,
always forgiven and renewed.**

Draw us closer to You, today and always. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sienna Berg

May the Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21 - Eric Hoffman

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:7-14 - Lilly Colon

* Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8 - Levi Mack

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson

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Led by Rosie Boyd, Johanna Frisk, Anders Johnson, Sam Parnin,

Suelexia Rodriguez, Brian Ward, Erik Ward, and Ryan Wendt

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Linnea Applequist and Ella Darrow

MESSAGE

Jeanette Mottl

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Lord, I Need You

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves,

Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Elements

Xander Crozier, Weslee Johnson, Emmett Lee,

Naaman Mack, Teg Piotrowski

Communion Music

Le Banquet Celeste

Olivier Messiaen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sam Parnin, Organ

Keegan Lee

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Huck Johnson

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

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy (324)

Scott M. Hyslop

Linnea Applequist, Cello

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

Helen Trinter

WORDS OF SENDING

Youth Ministry Leaders

* SUNG BENEDICTION

The Blessing

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

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POSTLUDE

Herzliebster Jesu (Ah, Holy Jesus)

Johannes Brahms

*Please remain seated for the postlude, pausing as the light of Christ is carried out
and imagining how you might carry that light into the world this week.*

** 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.*

23 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

1 O wor-ship the King all glo-rious a-bove, and grate-ful-ly
 2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3 Thy boun-ti-ful care what tongue can re-cite? It breathes in the
 4 Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee-ble as frail, in thee do we

sing his won-der-ful love; our Shield and De-fend-er, the An-cient of
 light, whose can-o-o-py space; his char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds
 air, it shines in the light, it streams from the hills, it de-scends to the
 trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer-cies how ten-der, how firm to the

Days, pa-vil-ion'd in splen-dor and gird-ed with praise.
 form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 plain, and sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.
 end, our Mak-er, De-fend-er, Re-deem-er, and Friend. A-men.

Optional final stanza *Descant*

slowing *In unison*

Friend. 5 O mea-sure-less might, un-
 Friend. 5 O mea-sure-less might, un-

change - a - ble love, whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a -

change - a - ble love, whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a -

bove! Thy cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze, in

bove! Thy ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze, in

true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to thy praise. A - men.

true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to thy praise. A - men.

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 complete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Lord, I Need You



Lord, I come, I con- fess. Bow - ing here I find my



rest. With-out you, I fall a - part. You're the one that guides my heart.



Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. E - very hour I need You: My



one de-fense, my right-eous-ness. Oh, God, how I need You.



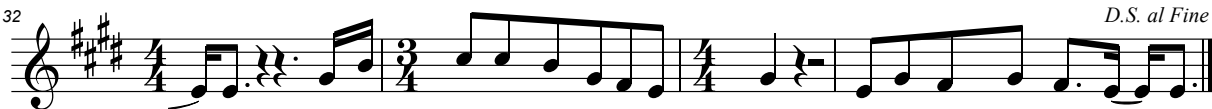
Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You



are, and where You are, Lord, I am free. Ho-li - ness is Christ in me.



So, teach my song to rise to You when temp-ta-tion comes my



way. When I can-not stand, I'll fall on You. Je-sus, You're my hope and stay.

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.

The Blessing

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

A D A/C#

The Lord bless you, and keep you, make his face shine up-on

4 Esus F#m7 D9

you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you

7 A/C# Esus A D/A F#m7

and give you peace. A -

11 D9 A E F#m7

men, A men, A - men. A -

15 D9 A E F#m7

men, A - men. A - men.

19 D9 A E F#m7

May His fa - vor be up-on you and a thou -

23 D9

- sand gen - er - a - tions And your fam - ily and your chil - dren and their child -

E1. E

dren and their chil - dren May His fa dren and their chil - dren May His fa

F#m7 D9

- vor be up-on you and a thou - sand gen-er-a - tions and your fam-

A E

- ily and your chil - dren and their chil - dren and their chil - dren May His pre-

F#m7 D9

- sence go before you and behind you and beside you all around

A E

you and with-in you He is with you, He is with you In the mor-

F#m7 D9

- ning, in the e - vening, in your com - ing, and your go - ing, in your weep-

A E

- ing and re-joic - ing, He is for you He is for you

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Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the east side of the 5300 block of N Sawyer and the 3200 block of W Balmoral; *"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)
- **those affected by the recent earthquake** in Myanmar
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, now in palliative care
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, anticipating hip replacement surgery tomorrow
- Diane Haglund's sister, **Elaine**, experiencing both lung trouble and dementia
- **Erik Ward**, recuperating after surgery last week after breaking both of his arms in a biking accident on March 21
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, awaiting results from a biopsy on new nodules on his thyroid as he continues with chemotherapy
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **family and friends of Marcia Knudson**, former member here, who passed away on March 11
- **Sandy Edstrom**, healing after breaking her foot
- **Sheryl and Paul Noren**, as they put retirement on hold to return to Congo



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.

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.

Easter Cards to Sign: After worship today, we invite you to come to the parlors on the lower level to find a table that will be set up with Easter cards for signing. These cards will be delivered to those in our church who are unable to worship with us in person. They will be available for signing today and next Sunday, April 6. Come and sign your name to let these friends know we miss them and wish them a blessed Easter!

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.

Come Gather and Learn: This coming Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 pm, we will host a short presentation as part of our Gather dinner about the life and ministry of one of our former pastors, Doug Cedarleaf. The North Park University Archives received a grant from the state of Illinois to digitize some of his sermons. We invite you to come and hear some of this audio for the first time in 60 years. A history student from Northeastern Illinois University completing an internship in the Archives is leading the talk, which will focus on Cedarleaf's view of race and racism, as well as his response to the war in Vietnam.

Lenten Prayer Vigil April 12: On Saturday, April 12, all are invited to participate in a Lenten Virtual Prayer Vigil. Between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm, we invite you to sign up for a half hour (or more) to be in prayer for our church, our community, and our world. Prayer materials will be made available for those who sign up as the day draws near. [You may sign up here.](#)

NPCCP Invites you to Spring Fest! Come to the parlors on Saturday, April 26, between 9 am and 12 pm and step into a world of nature, imagination, and adventure at Woodland Wonder, the NPCCP Spring Fest event designed just for little explorers!

What's in Store?

Make-Your-Own Binoculars – Craft the perfect explorer's tool and get ready for adventure!

Birds & Bugs Scavenger Hunt – Search for hidden forest friends and check them off your list!

Hoot & Hop Adventure Trail – Jump, balance, and flutter like woodland creatures in our movement obstacle course!

Draw a Garden – Join a collaborative art project to grow a beautiful paper garden together.

Story Hollow – Snuggle up and listen as parents bring nature-themed books to life.

PLUS:

Flavored Honey Tastings

Woodland-themed Snacks

Raffle & Bake Sale

TICKETS: Entry tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online or at the door. Raffle tickets can be purchased on site. If purchasing tickets online, [click here](#) and choose the NPCCP-Fundraising fund. In the Memo, write Spring Fest Tickets and your last name.

All proceeds from this event will go to support NPCCP and the students we serve! This event is a community event—current students, alums, neighbors and friends are welcome! Come ready to explore, create, and celebrate the wonder of spring!

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 to 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 will open the first week in May, and [the list of needed supplies is available now](#).

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

Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49

Recycle Your Prescription Bottles: Joel and Kim Delp, Serve Globally personnel serving in Ecuador, are collecting used prescription bottles for a Medical Caravan program that they lead in remote areas of Ecuador. If you have old prescription bottles with lids that you are willing to donate to their ministry, please rinse them out, remove the labels, and bring them to church with you! There is a collection bin in the narthex labeled “Prescription Bottles”. We will get them where they need to be!

The 2025 Ministry Ballot is almost full, thanks to the work of the Nominating Committee. We just need to add one more willing servant each to the Board of Christian Formation and to the Human Resources and Memorials committees. Interested? Contact co-chairs Nancy Ebner or Susan Dawson, or the pastors.

Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC in 2025? Make this the year you hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two.](#)

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

We invite you to join us for Holy Week, as we walk with Jesus to the cross, through his death, and on to resurrection.

April 13: Palm Sunday

9 am: Palm procession through the neighborhood

9:30 am: All-church breakfast in the parlors

10:30 am: Worship service containing a Liturgy of Palms and a Liturgy of Passion

April 17 at 7 pm: Maundy Thursday

All are invited to join us for a Maundy Thursday worship service, which will include the Lord’s Supper and a chance to participate in the washing of feet.

April 18 at 7 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae

We invite you to return on Friday for a service of shadows, during which we will hear the story of Jesus’ journey to the cross in Word and song.

April 20: Easter Sunday

9:15 am: All-church breakfast in the parlors

10:30 am: We join together in worship and praise of the risen Jesus!

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, April 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, April 8

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 3:45 pm Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
- 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, April 9

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
- 5 pm Midweek Pause for Youth Group (Jeanette's Office)
- 6 pm Gather Dinner: Cedarleaf Archival Presentation (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)

Thursday, April 10

- 3:45 pm Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 11

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (Edstrom Home)

Saturday, April 12

- 7 am Virtual Prayer Vigil
- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:15 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

- 9 am Palm Procession through the Neighborhood (Meet in South Garden)
- 9:15 am All-church Breakfast (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
- 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.

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