



SECOND SUNDAY
in Lent

MARCH 8, 2020
+ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT +

PRELUDE

There Is a Redeemer
arr. John Carter
Sandy Edstrom and Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

CHORAL INTROIT

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (453)
Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

* OPENING HYMN 218

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

God So Loved the World
John Stainer

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

James Edstrom, Reader
Genesis 12:1-4a (p. 8)
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (p. 916)
John 3:1-17 (p. 863)

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using *sins*)

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG (On next page)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms/
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
arr. David Crowder

Led by Dominic German, Anders Johnson, Lisa Peterson, and Brian Ward

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please pass the red booklet down the row and sign in to let us know of your presence with us.

Offertory

Aria
from the 3rd Violin Sonata
George F. Handel

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Presentation

* CLOSING HYMN 337

Whoso'er, Anywhere

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wonderful Grace of Jesus
arr. Larry Shackley

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

with 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms
3. What have we to dread, what have we to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing
O how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing
We have bless - ed peace with our Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing



arms Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!



'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word.



just to rest up - on his pro - mise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Arr. David Crowder

Louisa M. R. Stead / Elisha A. Hoffman

Anthony J. Showalter / William J. Kirkpatrick

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

Please let us know of your presence with us using the red booklets at the ends of the pews.

We welcome you and invite you to stay for fellowship downstairs in the parlors after the service.

For your prayers this week: Jim and Andy Meyer's cousin's son, **Andrew Lamb**, at Lurie Children's Hospital with acute kidney issues; **Mary Chase-Ziolek and family**, mourning the passing of her brother, James Chase Jr.; **Rosemary Slaughter**, undergoing therapy on her wrist; Dawn and Ted Helwig's grandson **Elijah Peterman**, hospitalized with unidentified pain and awaiting treatment options; **Kristen Westphal**, whose mother is recovering from hip surgery, and whose father is now on hospice care; **the Covenant Church in Congo**, struggling over leadership and anticipating election for church officials; **the Kim family**, in Schaumburg to avoid contracting the coronavirus; **Nathan Kim**, out of quarantine and back in school in Taiwan; **baby Elsie**, unborn child of James and Rachel Ventress, who had been experiencing complications but now seems to be improving; **Dick Lucco**, continuing cancer treatment; **Bob Thornbloom**, on hospice care; Barb Goode's cousin **David Jeffery**, on disability due to decline caused by ALS

Statistics for Sunday, March 1

Worship: 130

Childcare: 12

Friendship Center Items: 6

Come *gather* with us for dinner this Wednesday!

All are invited to dinner in the parlors at 5:30, followed by a time of singing and fellowship. After that, the schedule is as follows:

6-7 pm: Open Gym
Open Studio

7-8:30 pm: Middle-school Youth Group

7:15 pm: Immerse Bible Study

Please RSVP by writing "gather" and indicating the number to attend after your name in the red booklet, via the link provided in the General Church Information email, or by contacting the church office by 4:30 pm on Tuesday.

Following worship, we offer prayer for anyone who so desires. If you have been moved in some way during the service or are carrying a heavy burden, we invite you to come to the prayer room in the north chapel of the sanctuary. You will be met there by caring individuals who will pray specifically for you and your need. In addition, there is a prayer box in the narthex for prayers you wish to keep private. Anything put in that box will be read and prayed for only by our co-pastors.

Assisted listening devices are available in the narthex for those who would benefit from their use during the service. The greeters are available to assist you in finding or using these devices.

Childcare is available for babies (newborn to walking) on the main level across from the south chapel and for toddlers and younger children (walking to

age 5) on the lower level off the south corridor. Children are welcome in our services, but we recognize that sometimes it's easier for them (and their parents) if they can run and play.

AN INVITATION: Today, come to the Deacon Table during coffee hour. Find out about serving as a Deacon for a Day in the month of April. Also, more information about the NPCC March benevolence offering for the Hibbard School Book Project will be available.

Today begins week 10 of Heartwalking the Neighborhood: Please be in prayer for the 5200 block of north Bernard (east side) and 3400 block of west Foster. If you would like to participate in this year-long prayer opportunity, booklets are available in the narthex and the church office.

You are invited to return this evening at 6 pm for a contemplative Lenten worship service in the south chapel. We will hold these services each Sunday in Lent. Join us for a time of quiet prayer, music, singing, and communion. Come and worship as we make our way toward the cross.



All are invited to join us on Sunday, March 15, for a corned beef and cabbage lunch following the 10:30 am worship service. Come for a time of fellowship and great food! All are welcome, but ***RSVPs are absolutely necessary.*** Please contact Ann-Marie in the church office at afrisk@npcovenant.org or (773) 463-0055 by tomorrow, March 9, to reserve your spot!

Look for a Church Library table in the parlors after the church service on March 15. Recent Memorial gift books will be on display. Also, a variety of social justice books, chapter books and teen books will be available for checkout. So while you wait for the corned beef and cabbage, come browse our selections!

The North Park Readers will meet on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 pm, in the home of Jan Olson. This month's selection is *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi. It is a novel that traces the life trajectories of two half-sisters born in 18th century Ghana, who never know of each other's existence and end up on different continents. Through alternating narratives, the stories of their lives and those of their descendants are told in the context of the histories of Ghana and the United States. You are welcome to join us!

All ages are welcome to attend Intergenerational Sunday School on March 29 in the parlors. We'll begin with breakfast at 9 am, followed by a time of learning and laughing together across the generations! We hope to see you there!



The second half of the annual congregational meeting will be held after church on Sunday, March 29. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, board members, committee members, and delegates to the Central Conference and ECC Annual meetings. If anyone is interested in being a delegate from our church to the ECC Annual meeting in Phoenix in late June or to the Central Conference annual meeting on April 25, please email Susan Dawson at dnsdawson@aol.com.

Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, March 9

9:15 am Monday Morning Women's Bible Study (Staff Conference Room)
 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
 4 pm Tutoring (Parlors)
 4:30 pm George Soccer Practice (Gym)
 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Large Conference Room)

Thursday, March 12

4 pm Clauson Soccer Practice (Gym)
 4:15 pm Chicago Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary Side Balcony)
 7:30 pm Mitchell/LTAC Basketball Practice (Gym)
 7:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Tuesday, March 10

7 am Men's Bible Study (Staff Conference Room)
 4:15 pm Chicago Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 5:30 pm Powerstrikers Soccer Practice (Gym)
 7 pm Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
 7 pm Board of Deacons Meeting (Parlors)
 7 pm Board of Trustees Meeting (Large Conf Rm)

Friday, March 13

10 am Prayer Gathering (North Room)
 4:30 pm Chi-town Huskies Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, March 14

8 am Geezerball (Gym)
 8 am S-Anon (Large Conference Room)
 3 pm Clauson Soccer Practice (Gym)

Sunday, March 15 - Third Sunday in Lent

9 am Sunday School and Confirmation (Various Rooms)
 9:15 am Adult Sunday School (Parlors)
 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:45 am Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch (Parlors)
 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

Wednesday, March 11

10 am Women's Bible Study (Large Conf Room)
 3:15 pm Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
 5:30 pm **gather** Meal (Parlors)
 6 pm Open Gym (Gym)
 6 pm Open Studio (Middle-school Youth Room)
 7 pm Middle-school Youth Group (Middle-school Youth Room)
 7:15 pm Immerse Bible Study (Nursery)

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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