

FIRST
SUNDAY



IN
LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023
+ THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP PRELUDE

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

2017 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Desert Song

Brooke Ligertwood

2008 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by the Youth Ensemble:

Violet Bramley

Linnea Healy

Greta Trinter

Emma Hunter, Bass Guitar

JDrew McGovern, Cajon

Jeanette Mottl, Guitar

Brian Ward, Piano

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Drew Bramley

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

Happy are those to whom God attributes no wrong, those in whose heart there is no deceit.

Surrounded by your grace-filled presence and filled with your undeserved forgiveness,

we sing your praise; we shout for joy!

Rejoice and shout for joy, all those who are upright in heart!

* OPENING SONG

Reckless Love

Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

JDrew McGovern

God did not say, “You shall not be tempted; you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed.” God did say, “You shall not be overcome.” Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness, where he was tempted. Sheltering God, Guiding God, as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us. You have urged us to trust you: “Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you, I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you.”

We have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God, when all manner of things have not gone well with us.

Lord, have mercy.

Instead of following where you lead, O God,
at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world
that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us.
At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed
by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.

Christ, have mercy.

O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire,
we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding
and not acknowledge you in all ways.
We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps,
often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance aside.

Lord, have mercy.

Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us.

Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Teg Piotrowski

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

Gaius Berg

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Harry Piotrowski

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gratitude

Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe

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Maja Applequist, Violin

Jeanette Mottl, Guitar and Vocals

Brian Ward, Piano and Vocals

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 5:12-19 - Maja Applequist

Matthew 4:1-11 - Levi Mack

MESSAGE

Jeanette Mottl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Isaly Soto

* HYMN 215

Christ Jesus Knew a Wilderness

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. Brian Ward

Linnea Applequist, Cello

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

Huck Johnson

* CLOSING HYMN 408

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Academic Festival Overture

Johannes Brahms

Erik Ward, French Horn

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

Who You Say I Am

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding



Who am I that the highest king would welcome me? I was lost, but He brought me in, oh His



love for me Oh, His love for me! Who the Son sets free, oh is



free in - deed. I'm a child of God, Yes, I am!



Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Je-sus



died for me. Je-sus died for me! Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed, I'm a



child of God, Yes, I am! In my Father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a



child of God, Yes, I am! I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am. You are



for me, not against me, I am who you say I am. I am who you say I am. Who the

Desert Song

Brook Fraser



This is my prayer in the des-ert when all that's with-in me feels



dry. This is my prayer in my hun-ger and need my



God is the God who pro-vides This is my prayer in the
This is my prayer in the



fi-re in weak-ness or tri-al or pain.
bat-tle when tri-umph is still on its way.



There is a faith proved of more worth than gold, so re-fine me, Lord, through the
I am a con-queror and co-heir with Christ, so firm on His pro-mise I'll

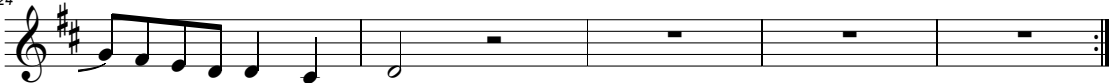


flame. I will bring praise. I will bring praise No weap-on formed
stand.



a-against me shall re main I will re-joyce I will de-clare God is my vic-

24 1.



to - ry and He is here.

29



here. All of my life in e - very sea - son You

33



are still God I have a rea - son to sing I have a rea - son to wor -

37



ship. and I will bring praise, I will bring praise No weapon formed

41




a - gainst me shall re - main I will re - joice I will de - clare God is my vic -

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to - ry and He is here.

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This is my prayer in the har - vest when fa - vor and pro - vi - dence flow

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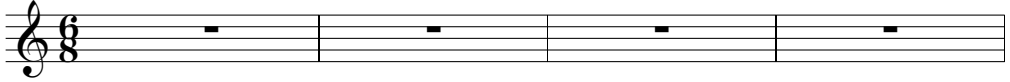


I know I'm filled to be emp - tied a - gain the seed I've re - ceived I will sow.

Reckless Love

Cory Asbury

Allegro (♩ = 120)



Be - fore I spoke a word, You were sing - ing o - ver me



You have been so, so good to me



Be - fore I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me



You have been so, so kind to me. Oh, the



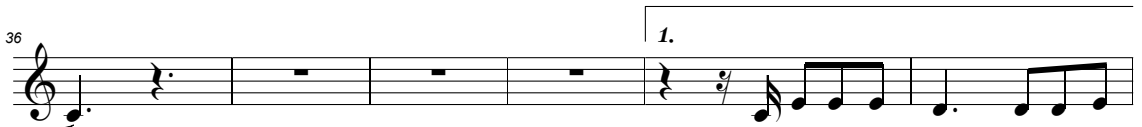
o - ver - whel - ming, ne - ver - end - ing, reck - less love of God, oh, it chas - es me down,




fight's 'till I'm found, leaves the nine - ty-nine. I could - n't earn it, I don't de - serve it; still You

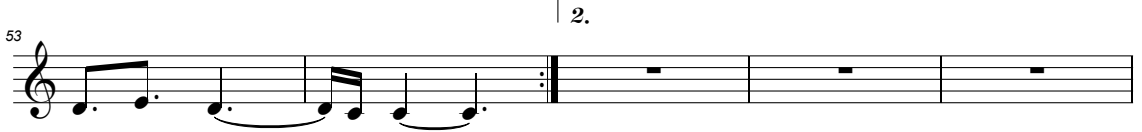
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31  give Yourself a-way. Oh, the o-ver-whelming, ne-ver-end-ing, reck-less love of God.

36  1. When I was Your foe, still your love

42  fought for me. You have been so, so good to me.

47  When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. You have been

53  2. so, so kind to me.

58  There's no sha-dow You won't light up, mount-ain You won't climb up com-in' af-ter me

63  There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down com-in' af-ter me

67

Musical staff for line 67, featuring a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes.

There's no sha-dow You won't light up, mount-ain You won't climb up com-in' af-ter me

71

Musical staff for line 71, continuing the melody from the previous line.

There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down com-in' af-ter me Oh, the

75

Musical staff for line 75, continuing the melody.

o - ver - whelm - ing, ne - ver - end - ing, reck - less love of God oh, it

79

Musical staff for line 79, continuing the melody.

chas - es me down, fights 'till I'm found, leaves the nine - ty nine. I could - n't earn

83

Musical staff for line 83, continuing the melody.

it, I don't de - serve it; still You give Your - self a - way. Oh, the

87

Musical staff for line 87, concluding the piece with a double bar line.

o - ver - whelm - ing, ne - ver - end - ing, reck - less love of God.

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Christ Jesus Knew a Wilderness

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1 Christ Je - sus knew a wil - der - ness of noon - day
 2 Christ Je - sus knew un - cer - tain - ty. Would all for -
 3 Christ Je - sus knew an up - per room, an ol - ive
 4 Christ Je - sus, in our wil - der - ness, you are our

heat and night - time cold, of doubts and hun - gers,
 sake, de - ny, be - tray? Would crowds that fol - lowed
 grove, a judg - ment hall, a skull - like hill, a
 bread, our drink, our light. Your death and ris - ing

new and old, temp - ta - tion wait - ing to take. hold.
 turn a - way? Would powers of e - vil hold their sway?
 drink of gall, an air - less tomb, be - reft of all.
 set things right. Your pres - ence puts our fears to flight.

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 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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

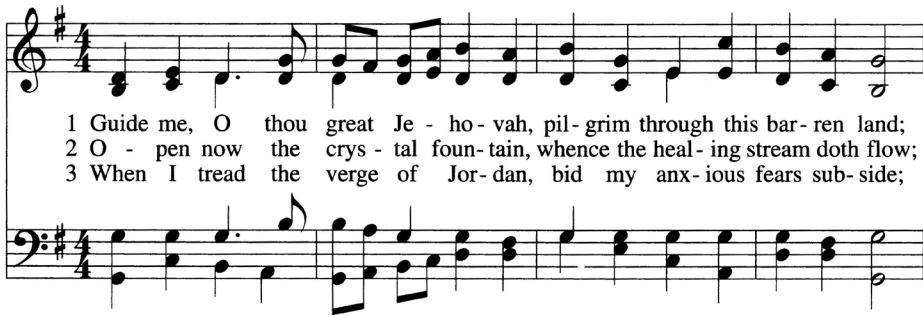
The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and chordal structures, maintaining the hymn's steady and reverent character.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The melody ends with a final cadence, and the accompaniment provides a solid harmonic base. The lyrics are completed with 'A - men.' and the piece ends with a double bar line.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

408



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but thou art might - y— hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand:
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
 bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:



Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more (want no more), feed me till I want no more.
 shield (strength and shield), be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee (give to thee), I will ev - er give to thee. A - men.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

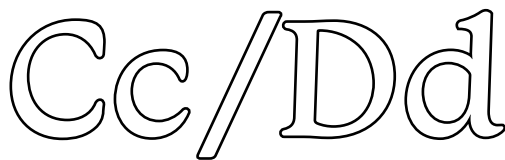
We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- Millie Lungren's sister, **Margaret**, recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and talking with doctors about next steps for care
- **family and friends of Karen Snow**, who passed away February 20
- Barbara Nordlund's parents, **Sue and Dwight Samuelson**, both of whom are hospitalized, Sue with aFib and Dwight to undergo tests related to a new diagnosis of esophageal cancer
- Elizabeth Petersen's stepson, **Robert Petersen**, now on hospice
- **Judy Edstrom and family**, mourning the passing of her father, David Wood, on February 14
- **those affected by the shooting** at MSU
- **Bill and Ruthanne Werner**, rejoicing that Bill's leukemia is now in complete remission
- **Sarah Hillabrant and family**, mourning the unexpected passing of her aunt Harriet Mathews
- **Greg Mesimore**, retired pastor at Edgebrook Covenant, who has a recurring benign brain tumor and is working with doctors to determine the next best steps for care
- **Nicole**, a new friend to the church, walking through a difficult season of life and asking for our prayers
- **Mel Soderstrom**, at Brandel Care Center for rehab after a fall and unrelated loss of consciousness
- Marti Hindaileh's cousin's husband, **Keith Vanderpool**, released from the hospital following a successful stem cell transplant
- **Roger Nelson**, on hospice care
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, diagnosed with lymphoma and not seeking treatment
- **those in Turkey and Syria**, suffering the aftermath of an earthquake, with a current death toll of more than 40,000

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

Nothing is more personal than a name! That's why this year, for our neighborhood prayer effort, we're going to pray for each person alphabetically. Heretofore, we've prayed for individual blocks, for businesses, and for particular struggles in people's lives. This year, we'll pray each week for all those whose first names begin with a certain letter of the alphabet. Upon completion of all 26 letters, we'll begin again and pray through the second 26 weeks, praying for all those whose last names begin with A, B, C.... By the end of the year, every person in our neighborhood will have been prayed for twice. We'll begin by doubling up the letters for a few weeks until we catch up. Thanks for praying for our neighborhood! This week, we pray for those in our community whose first names start with...

The image shows the letters 'Cc' and 'Dd' in a large, hollow, outlined font. A diagonal slash is placed between the two pairs of letters, separating them. The letters are positioned at the bottom of the text box.

Adult Formation to continue exploring Faith and Fear: How Do They Relate? The lectionary texts for today and March 5 talk about people's fears and their experiences of faith. How do we connect experiences of fear, like Adam and Eve's in Genesis 3, with experiences of faith like Abraham's? What do the Psalms, and some other texts, have to say about God's love as our source of security? Join Mike Walker, a theologian of disability from Canada and friend of North Park, to ask (and maybe even answer) some of these questions. This time around, the Adult Formation classes will be hybrid, as Mike joins us from Whitby, Ontario, Canada. A Zoom link was shared this past week via the General Church Information email.

The North Park Readers will meet in the home of Lori Johnson, 5254 N. Spaulding, on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 pm. Their book selection is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. This novel tells the story of Hedy Lamarr, the actor who was also a self-taught scientist and whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication. You are welcome to join in the discussion!

North Park Church Cooperative Preschool will hold an open house on Saturday, March 11, from 10 am to 12 pm. This is an opportunity to meet their teachers, tour the classroom, and learn more about the Preschool. Light refreshments will be offered, and children are welcome. Registration for church and returning families will begin February 27 and continue through March 10. Open registration will begin March 13. The application will be posted on www.npcovenant.org/preschool this week. Come and learn what we're all about!

Get ready! The Coffeehouse is coming! If you have a secret talent you'd like to share, a story to read, a joke to tell, or a song to sing or play—or if you just like to be entertained—the North Park Covenant Church Coffeehouse is for you! Come to the parlors on Saturday, March 11, at 6:30 pm for a night filled with fun and laughter. You might be surprised by what some of your fellow church goers can do! If you'd like to perform, please reach out to Joel Piotrowski at misterpio@sbcglobal.net by March 5.

We will hold a New Members Class on Saturday, March 25, starting at 9 am. The location will be decided once we know how many will attend. If you'd like to learn more about NPCC, whether you think you might want to join or not, we invite you to take part. Contact Pastor Libby to learn more.

New dates for Nome! Maybe you want to participate in the mission trip to Nome but July 13-24, 2023, just won't work. James Ventress recently asked if we could change our dates to early August due to a family wedding and the visit of another team in July. The new dates are August 1-9, 2023. Please prayerfully consider the new dates and contact Sue Vandervoort (suev307@sbcglobal.net) or another member of the missions committee if you plan to go or have questions.

New hours for the Church Library! Please note that the library is currently open for use Tuesdays 9 am to 4 pm, Fridays 9 am to 1 pm, and Sundays 9 to 10:30 am and 12 to 12:30 pm. These hours are also posted on the [church website](#). Next time you visit the library, look for the list of suggested reading for Black History Month, located on top of the cabinet. Books about African-American history and books by Black authors are on display throughout the library.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, February 27

- 9 am Monday Morning Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Large Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 28

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Young Adult Gathering (Staff Conference Room)
- 8 pm George Soccer Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, March 1

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 5 pm George Soccer Practice (Gym)
- 6 pm *gather* Dinner (Parlors)
- 7 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
- 7 pm Middle-school Youth Group (Middle-school Youth Room)
- 7 pm Adult Community Gathering (Staff Conference Room)

Thursday, March 2

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm George Soccer Practice (Gym)
- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

Friday, March 3

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5 - The Second Sunday in Lent

- 9 am Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
- 9:15 am Adult Formation (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
- 6 pm Lenten Worship Service (South Chapel)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- 7 pm 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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