

SECOND  
SUNDAY



IN  
LENT

MARCH 5, 2023  
+ THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT +

PRELUDE

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners  
arr. Chris Rice  
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

\* CALL TO WORSHIP 846, read responsively

Psalm 121

\* OPENING HYMN 72

To God Be the Glory

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Amy Loving

**God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people.  
When you offer us the promise of a new future,  
we complain that you don't get there fast enough.  
When you provide for our needs,  
we complain that it isn't enough.  
And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble,  
we blame you.**

**Holy God, forgive our sinful ways.  
Teach us to be patient.  
Instruct us to be grateful.  
Guide us to be responsible and humble.  
As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross,  
let us experience your grace and your gift of new life.  
In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

\* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

written by Thom Shuman

**How much does God love us?  
Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us,  
not to condemn us, but to save us.  
Not by our speaking or doing,  
but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

**May the peace of Christ Jesus be with you.  
And also with you.**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

Prayer for Quiet Confidence  
Charles L. Talmadge  
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

## WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

## READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Beau Sample, Reader

New Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

\* Gospel Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Word of the Lord.

John 3:1-17

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Sung Response 114, verses 1 and 4

God Loved the World So That He Gave

## MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CHOSEN

## \* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Words: Public Domain

Music: 2012 Inot Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by Dominic German, Anders Johnson, and Brian Ward

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus (348)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (345)

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (342)

*Please feel free to sing along with or meditate on the texts of these hymns.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## 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 [here](#).*

Offertory

I Give You My Heart

Reuben Morgan

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\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 688

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

\* WORDS OF SENDING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Introduction and Fughetta

Christian Heinrich Rinck

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

## Psalm 121

## RESPONSE



- I <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.
- II <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

## RESPONSE

- III <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- ALL <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

## RESPONSE

## To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo-ry—great things he has done! So loved he the  
 2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - 'ry be -  
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fen - der who  
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pen'd the life - gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lies, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

11.11.11.11. with Refrain  
 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

A lower setting can be found at 108.

GOD THE REDEEMER

Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo- ple re-joice! O come to the Fa- ther thro'

Je- sus the Son, and give him the glo- ry—great things he has done!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God the Redeemer'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

## 114 God Loved the World So That He Gave

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your  
 4 Glo - ry to God— the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fer'd death; all that con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer; Christ Je - sus saves your  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 soul from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly! A - men.



# 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. Whathave 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.



*D.S. al Fine*

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

## Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

1 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— all its joys are but a name;  
 2 Take the world, but give me Je-sus—sweet-est com-fort of my soul;  
 3 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— let me view his con-stant smile;  
 4 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— in his cross my trust shall be;

but his love a-bides for-ev-er, through e-ter-nal years the same.  
 with my Sav-ior watch-ing o'er me, I can sing, though bil-lows roll.  
 then through-out my pil-grim jour-ney light will cheer me all the while.  
 till with clear-er, bright-er vi-sion face to face my Lord I see.

*Refrain*

O the height and depth of mer-cy! O the length and breadth of love!

O the full-ness of re-demp-tion, pledge of end-less life a-bove!

## Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

345

*In unison*  
D A7 Bm G D/A

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart, in my  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my

D G D A7 Bm G

heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my  
 heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my  
 heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my  
 heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my

D G D Bm

heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
 heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
 heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
 heart. In my heart, in my heart,

G D A7 Bm G D G/D D

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

342      **Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord**

1 Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our  
 2 Sin and de - spair, like the sea - waves cold, threat - en the soul with  
 3 Dark is the stain that we can - not hide— what can a - vail to  
 4 Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt! Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - pour'd—  
 in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er— yes, grace un - told—  
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide—  
 all who be - lieve! You who are long - ing to see his face,

*Refrain*

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,  
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - ve - lous grace,  
 whit - er than snow you may be to - day.  
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace,  
 in - fi - nite grace, mar - ve - lous

## GRACE THROUGH FAITH

grace, God's grace, grace that is great-er than all our sin!  
 grace, in - fi - nite grace,

The musical score is written for piano on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with chords and bass lines in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures  
 here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;  
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written for piano on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with chords and bass lines in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score consists of three systems of music.

## We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1 We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, that shall turn their  
 2 We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, that shall lift their  
 3 We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the Lord who  
 4 We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, who the path of

hearts to the right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a  
 hearts to the Lord, a song that shall con - quer e - vil and  
 reigns high a - bove has sent us his Son to save us, and  
 sor - row has trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples might

sto - ry of peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.  
 shat - ter the spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.  
 show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.  
 come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

*Refrain*

For the dark-ness shall turn to dawn-ing, and the dawn-ing to noon-day bright;

and Christ's great king-dom shall come on earth, the king-dom of love and light.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and a supporting bass line.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

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

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **Bonnie Pfeiffelman and family**, mourning the passing of her father last week
- **Gaius Berg**, requesting prayer for energy and patience as a grandfather and for discernment in rest/work balance in retirement
- **family and friends of Humberto Marin Jr**, North Park neighbor shot and killed while driving on the Stevenson expressway
- four-year-old **Victoria**, at Comer Children's Hospital fighting a lung disease
- **Mel Soderstrom**, continuing in rehab
- **Rosemary Slaughter's great-niece**, age 3, undergoing tests to determine the status of her leukemia
- Barbara Nordlund's parents, **Sue and Dwight Samuelson**, anticipating an ablation and chemo/radiation, respectively
- Millie Lungren's sister, **Margaret**, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- **family and friends of Karen Snow**, who passed away February 20
- Elizabeth Petersen's stepson, **Robert Petersen**, now on hospice
- **Judy Edstrom and family**, mourning the passing of her father, David Wood, on February 14
- **Greg Mesimore**, working with doctors to determine the next best steps of care for a recurring benign brain tumor
- **Roger Nelson**, on hospice care
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, diagnosed with lymphoma and not seeking treatment

### Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

Join us this week, as we pray for those in our community whose first names start with...

Ee / Ff

**The March issue of *The Narthex***, our monthly newsletter, was emailed out last week, and hard copies are available for pick-up in the narthex. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, please reach out to Ann-Marie Frisk in the office, and she will happily add you to the distribution list.

**There will be a brief Congregational Meeting** immediately following worship on Sunday, March 19. The purpose is to consider the proposed bylaw amendments that were presented at our January 22 Congregational Annual Meeting. This meeting will take place in the sanctuary.

**We invite you to join us** for an evening Lenten service each week. In addition to our Sunday morning services at 10:30, we will gather for contemplative worship services each Sunday evening in Lent beginning at 6 pm. These 45-minute services will take place in the south chapel. We began on February 26 and will continue on March 5, March 12, March 19, and March 26. Join us for a time of quiet prayer, music, singing, and communion. Come and worship as we journey to the cross.



**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 the 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 is now open through March 10. Open registration will begin March 13. The application is available at [www.npcovenant.org/npccp-applications](http://www.npcovenant.org/npccp-applications). Come 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](mailto:misterpio@sbcglobal.net) by March 5.

**Save the date for a Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch!** Please put Sunday, March 19, on your calendar! After worship (and a brief congregational meeting) that day, we'll enjoy a corned beef and cabbage meal, complete with Green River soda, prepared for us by Libby and Joel Piotrowski. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 15, by [using this link](#) or by calling the church office. We hope you can join us!

**Church Library News!** If you are interested in the Nome mission trip and would like to learn more about Alaska or short-term missions, the following books are on display in the church library:

- *A Time to Remember: Alaskan Covenant History, 1887-1987* by Chip Swanson
- *Serving with Eyes Wide Open: Doing Short-term Missions with Cultural Intelligence* by David Livermore
- *Nome (Images of America)* by Amy Phillips-Chan
- *Get Set: A Spiritual Preparation for Short-term Missions* by Melissa Heiland
- *Alaskan Bush Adventures: Lessons from the Land, Lessons from the Lord* by Don Ernst

**The text for today's choral anthem** is as follows:

### **Prayer for Quiet Confidence**

*Charles L. Talmadge*

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved,  
in quietness and confidence shall be our strength, O God of peace.

By the might of Thy Spirit lift us, we pray Thee, to Thy presence,  
where we may be still and know that Thou art God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# 2023 Easter Memorials/Honoraria

You are invited to honor or memorialize a loved one, either with a flowering plant or a monetary donation. This year's donations will be given to camping ministries. Whether you choose one or both options, your name/s will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 9. *The deadline to submit this form is Monday, March 13.*



☐ I/We would like to order \_\_\_\_ Easter plant/s at \$22/plant.

☐ I/We would like to make a donation to support camping.

☐ Check   ☐ Cash   ☐ Online   Amount paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: If paying online for a plant and making a donation, a separate transaction must be done for each purpose.*

*A 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!*

## 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 6*

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, March 7*

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Young Adult Gathering (Staff Conference Room)
8 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)

### *Wednesday, March 8*

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
6 pm	<i>gather</i> Dinner (Parlors)
7 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm	Middle-school Youth Group (Middle-school Youth Room)

### *Thursday, March 9*

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

### *Friday, March 10*

1 pm	Prayer Gathering (North Room)
4 pm	Girl Scouts (Gym)

### *Saturday, March 11*

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
9 am	Come to the Table Class (Parlors)
10 am	NPCCP Open House (Preschool Classroom)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
3 pm	Reed Group Piano Lesson (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm	Coffeehouse (Parlors)

### *Sunday, March 12 - The Third Sunday in Lent*

9:15 am	Intergenerational Sunday School (Parlors)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
12 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
6 pm	Evening Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
7 pm	AA Meeting (Parlors)

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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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