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PRELUDE

Prelude on “Somerset Hills”  
Gerre Hancock  
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski  
Justin Block for The Friendship Center

CHORAL INTROIT

Baptized in Water (547, verses 1 and 3)  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;**

**the voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;**

and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

**May the Lord give strength to his people!**

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**Amen!**

\* OPENING SONG

Lord, You Are Here  
Bob Stromberg

Stream Mountain Music

Led by Emma Hunter, Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,  
Sunwoo Lee, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

\* INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER 887 (Using *sims*)

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Johanna Frisk, Reader

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

New Testament Reading

Acts 19:1-7

\* Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

Here Is Water, Lord  
Joseph M. Martin

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

SONG OF RESPONSE

Your Love, O Lord  
Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark D. Lee, Tai Anderson  
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*As we sing this song together, you are invited to come forward to the baptismal font  
and dip your hand in the water, remembering your baptism and reflecting on  
God's grace and mercy, which are poured out on you.*

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

Be Still and Know  
arr. Richard Williamson

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 195

Shine, Jesus, Shine

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Epiphany March on "Salzburg" (206)  
Franklin Ashdown

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

*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.*

# Lord, You Are Here

Bob Stromberg



Lord, You are here so near in this place; the warmth of Your pre-sence, the

4




fra-grance of grace. We breathe it like the air a-round us; we

7



love to feel Your love sur-round us. Sure-ly we know Your

10



pro-mise is true: when we meet in Your name we ga-ther with You.

13



Ho - ly, ho - ly Spir - it, hear our praise.

17



Ho - ly, ho - ly, on - ly You are ho - ly, Hal - le - lu - ia!

21



Ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-ly Spir-it, hear our praise. *D.C.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Traditional*

# Your Love, Oh Lord

Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark D. Lee, Tai Anderson



Your love oh Lord reaches to the heavens



your faith - full ness stretch-es to the sky



and your right - eous-ness is like the might - ty moun - tains



and your jus - tice flows like the o - ceans' tides



and I will lift my voice to wor - ship you my King



and I will find my strength in the sha - dow of your wings

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.'

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.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit  
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,  
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,  
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

# Shine, Jesus, Shine

*In unison* A D/A A E/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing  
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence,  
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

A D/A A E/A D E/D

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the  
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance; by the blood I may  
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

C#m F#m D E/D C#m F#m


world, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
 en - ter your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness,  
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry,

G Esus E G Esus E

shine on me, shine on me.  
 shine on me, shine on me.  
 shine on me, shine on me.



*Refrain* A E/A A D B m A/C# B m/D B7/D# E



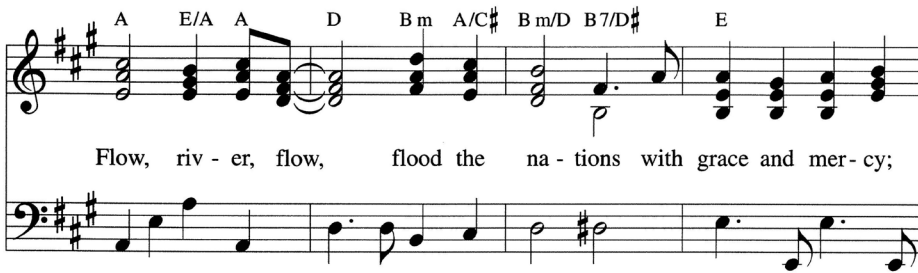
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

A E/A A D B m A/C# B m/D B m G Esus E



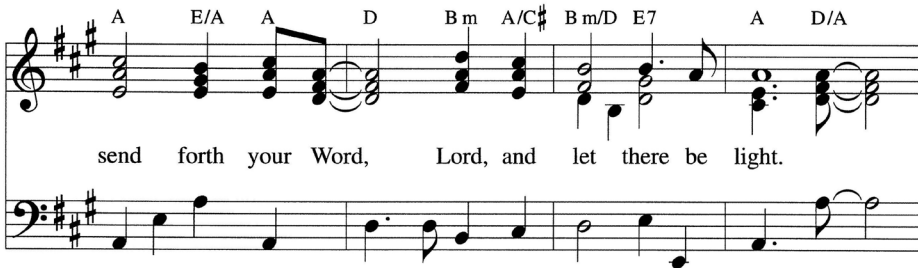
blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A E/A A D B m A/C# B m/D B7/D# E



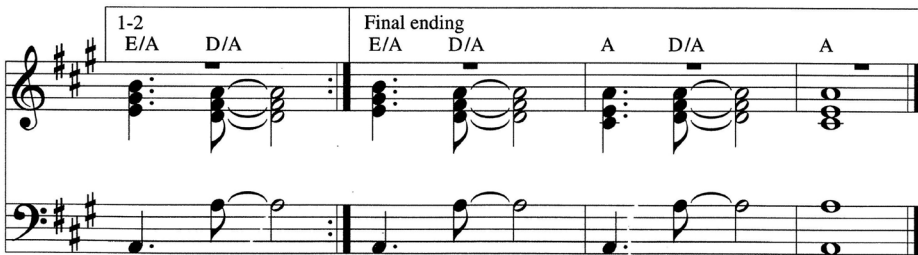
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

A E/A A D B m A/C# B m/D E7 A D/A



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1-2	Final ending		
E/A D/A	E/A D/A	A D/A	A



# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

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

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **Roderick Smith and family**, mourning the unexpected passing of his brother Greg on January 10
- **Janice Finney**, recuperating after surgery on January 4
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, recuperating after surgery on December 21
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, awaiting a bone marrow transplant

### *Missionary Prayer Spotlight*

Letha Kerl, regional co-coordinator for Europe requests prayer for herself as she anticipates attending her first Midwinter Conference without John; for wisdom in directing the Europe team and for the process of onboarding Chris Peterson; for fundraising and support for their Missionaries who are falling behind; for peace in Ukraine, safety for the church, and for a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and on a personal note, for physical and emotional health for her daughter Katy

**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 1 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.

**The office will be closed on Monday, January 15**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

**Bible Journaling each Sunday:** Join Kristen Hunter to journal through the Bible on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the art room (lower level just south of the coffee lounge). Bring a Bible and journal, or make a journal when you arrive. Art supplies will be provided.

**You are all invited to join us on Sunday, January 21, following worship, for a town hall meeting** to review the 2024 budget. A light lunch will be served, and the proposed 2024 budget will be shared. Because this is a town hall meeting, there will be no vote taken. Instead, this is an opportunity to view the budget, ask questions, and seek clarification prior to our congregational annual meeting on February 4, at which there will be a vote on the budget.

**The Friendship Center, our neighborhood food pantry, is hosting a fundraising event** benefiting the pet food pantry this February. For the Love of Pets will be held at Half Acre Beer Co. on Wednesday, February 7, from 6 to 9 pm. The event will feature a silent auction, custom pet portraits, food, and a cash bar. All proceeds will help ensure Chicago families and their pets can stay together when faced with financial hardships. Tickets start at \$25, and you can also buy a bundled ticket with a custom pet portrait! What a sweet treat to get you and your pet for Valentine's Day. For more information and tickets, visit [friendshipcenterchicago.org/flop](http://friendshipcenterchicago.org/flop).

**Thank you to all who loaned us church artifacts** for display during our 125th-anniversary year! It is now time to return those items to their rightful owners. However, some items were put on display without any owner identification. If you brought something for the display and would like it back, please come to the church office or send me an email to let me know what the item/s was/were, and I will set it/them aside for you.

**Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis** for childcare and hospitality! If you're able to help out in the toddler room or by serving refreshments after Sunday worship, please sign up for a Sunday or two [using this form](#).

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

**Here Is Water, Lord**

*Joseph M. Martin*

Here is water, Lord.

With this sign we show our heart, with this seal we're set apart.

Here is water, Lord.

Gentle Spirit, Holy Dove, bring Your blessing from above. (Here is water from above.)

Here is water, Lord.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod?

Shall we gather at the river, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Shall we gather at the river, the beautiful river?

Yes, we'll gather at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Here is water, Lord.

We commit our lives to you. Wash us clean and make us new.

Here is water, Lord, wash us clean and make us new.

Here is water, Lord.

Shall we gather at the river?

Here is water, Lord.

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## 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, January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day - Office Closed*

- 4:20 pm George Soccer (Gym)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, January 16*

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid, Large Conference Room)
- 4 pm George Soccer (Gym)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

### *Wednesday, January 17*

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid, Large Conference Room)
- 4:30 pm George Soccer (Gym)
- 6 pm Gather Dinner (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 pm Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

### *Thursday, January 18*

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

### *Friday, January 19*

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)
- 4:30 pm George Soccer (Gym)

### *Saturday, January 20*

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

### *Sunday, January 21*

- 9 am Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
- 9:15 am Adult Formation (Parlors)
- 9:15 am Bible Journaling (Art Room)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Town Hall: Budget Conversation (Parlors)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

## North Park Covenant

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Peter and Anna Kim, Taiwan

James and Rachel Ventress, Alaska

Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Latin America

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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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