



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

JANUARY 21, 2024
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PRELUDE

O Jesus, I Have Promised (610)
Arthur H. Mann
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

Libby Piotrowski
James Ventress for Covenant Youth of Alaska

CHORAL INTROIT

Come Down, O Love Divine (285, verses 1 and 3)
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP 809, with sung response

Psalm 62:5-12
Ryan Wendt

* OPENING HYMN 194

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sandy Edstrom, Reader
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision (412)
arr. Alice Parker

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Waymaker
Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

2016 Integrity Music

Led by Anders Johnson, Sunwoo Lee,
Linnea Olfelt, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

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.*

Offertory

Hallelujah, Your Love Makes Me Sing

Brenton Brown, Brian Doerksen

2000 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Integrity Music)

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 715

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory (72)

Peter Burkhardt

** 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.

Psalm 62:5-12

RESPONSE



I sing your praise for stead - fast love; ful - fill your pur - pose for me.

L ⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

ALL ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

RESPONSE

L ⁹Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a
delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

ALL ¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

¹²and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD.
For you repay to all according to their work.

RESPONSE

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

194

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro-
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1947-, © 1992 GIA Publications
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

S.M.
FESTAL SONG

THE LORD'S PRAYER

887

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

Way Maker

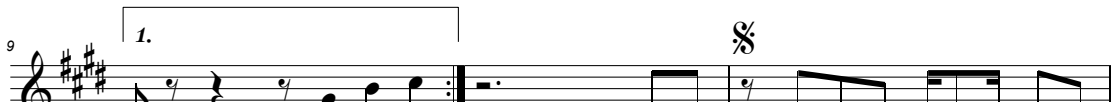
Osinachi Okoro



1
You are here mov - ing in our midst I wor - ship You I wor - ship You




5
You are here work - ing in this place. I wor - ship You I wor - ship You




9
1. You are here You are Way mak - er, mir - a - cle work - er,




12
prom - ise keeper, light in the dark - ness my God, that is who You are You are



15
Way mak - er, mir - a - cle work - er, prom - ise keep - er, light in the dark - ness



17
Fine
my God, that is who You are You are here touch - ing e - very
You are here You are here turn - ing lives a -



20
heart | wor - ship You | wor - ship You You are here heal - ing e - very
- round | wor - ship You | wor - ship You You are here men - ding e - very



24
D.S. al Fine
heart | wor - ship You | wor - ship You You are here
heart | wor - ship You | wor - ship You

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. 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." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

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.*

715 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1 Called as part - ners in Christ's serv - ice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, in a small or glo - bal sense,
 4 So God, grant us for to - mor - row, ways to or - der hu - man life

we re - spond with deep com - mit - ment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal - t'ring, re - con - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, break - ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur - round each per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar - ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal - lenge, said with care,
 Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,

e - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new pow'r and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1926-, © Jane Parker Huber
 MUSIC: William P. Rowlands, 1860-1937

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 BLAENWERN

Alternate tune: BEACH SPRING, 324

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Anchor Covenant Church (Lake Geneva, WI)**, assessing damage and determining next steps after their sanctuary experienced a fire this past Monday
- **Roderick Smith and family**, mourning the unexpected passing of his brother Greg on January 10
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, recuperating after surgery on December 21
- **Janice Finney**, recuperating after surgery on January 4
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, awaiting a bone marrow transplant
- **Letha Kerl**, regional co-coordinator for Europe, anticipating her first Midwinter Conference without husband John, who has retired
- **Anna and Peter Kim**, missionaries in Taiwan, for their country of service as political tensions increase due to the presidential elections

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.

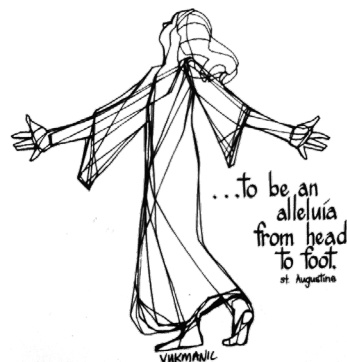
You are all invited to join us after worship today for a town hall meeting to review the 2024 budget. A light lunch will be served, and the proposed 2024 budget will be shared. Because this is a town hall meeting, there will be no vote taken. Instead, this is an opportunity to view the budget, ask questions, and seek clarification prior to our congregational annual meeting on February 4, at which there will be a vote on the budget. Those who wish to join us via Zoom may do so [using this link](#).

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

As we embark on a new calendar year, it is time once more to consider how we pray for our neighborhood. Recognizing that our faith is embodied in the ways we see and speak and move and listen, we will focus this year on using our whole selves to pray for the spaces we inhabit and the people we meet. Each month, we will be encouraged to use a different part of our body as we pray, and we will begin by using our eyes. We will focus on a particular Scripture to guide us each month, as well. For January:

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

- 1 Samuel 16:7



For the rest of the month of January, let us pray that we may have eyes open to see as God sees as we pray for the spaces and people around us.

Co-pastors Libby and Jeff will be away this coming week at the Midwinter Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Please feel free to text or call them if you have any pastoral needs.

North Park Church Cooperative Preschool invites you to a Dine 'n' Share fundraiser tomorrow, January 22, at Chipotle! [Bring this flyer](#) to their 5961 N. Lincoln Ave. location between the hours of 5 and 9 pm, or [order online](#) using the code on the flyer, and 33% of all proceeds will go toward the Preschool. Thank you for your support!

Offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the narthex today!

Please join us for our Congregational Annual Meeting, Part I, following worship on February 4. A light lunch will be served, and the meeting will be fully hybrid, with the ability to join in the conversation and vote online. We will share a Zoom link the week prior. The primary item on the agenda is approving the 2024 budget. We will also vote on where and how our congregational giving will be distributed. The meeting is open to all, but only members may vote. We hope to see you there!

The Coffeehouse Returns! Join us on Saturday, February 24, at 6:30 pm for our Annual Coffeehouse! Come for great entertainment that is family friendly and fun! Come for yummy snacks and lovely fellowship! Come to perform! Share your gifts and talents with a forgiving crowd—play an instrument, tell a joke or a story, do some magic... Contact emcee Joel Piotrowski at misterpio@sbcglobal.net if you would like a performance spot that evening!

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.

Martha and Gaius Berg are welcoming a migrant family into an apartment building they own. The family is made up of a middle-aged couple, a 14-year-old son, an 18-year-old daughter, and an infant. They have nothing but their clothing, and the Bergs would love to help set them up with the things they will need for the apartment. Do you have kitchen items, bedding, or any furniture you're not using? If you have things you're willing to donate, please reach out to the Bergs at gaiusandmartha@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

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.

The missions bulletin boards in the parlors have been refurbished! If there is a church-sponsored outreach we have missed or for which you have some good photographs or newsletters, please contact Christine Olfelt at olfelt@sbcglobal.net about adding them.

Dear church, on Wednesday, January 31, we will have the privilege of hosting a baby shower for three young migrant mothers and their families who are currently living at North Park Village. They will join us for dinner that evening, and the brief shower will follow. Our hope is that we might begin to build relationships with these families and find ways to continue to support them and grow a friendship. We hope you will join us on January 31, and we are looking for donations to create new-baby gift packages, one for each family. [You can find the list for requested items here.](#)

If you order directly from this Amazon list, the items will automatically be sent to the church. If you would rather give a gift card to Walgreens or Target, that would also be useful to these families as their needs grow and change. Two of the babies due to arrive are boys. The gender of the third baby is unknown.

Additionally, each of these families has older children. New and gently used clothing, shoes, and toys will be gladly accepted, and we will distribute them that evening. We know more about some of the kids than others and, because of that, we ask that you please bring what you can, and we will do our best to match kids to items:

- 8-year-old boy, wears size 12 clothing
- 4-year-old boy, wears size 5 clothing
- 3-year-old girl, wears size 4 clothing
- 9-year-old girl?
- 5-year-old boy?
- 5 year old, gender unknown
- 3 year old, gender unknown
- 1 year old, gender unknown

Donations can be brought to the co-pastors' office. If you have questions, please reach out to [Pastor Libby](#). Thank you!

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 owner identification. If you brought something for the display and would like it back, please come to the church office or send Ann-Marie an email to let her know what you brought, and she will set it aside for you.

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The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, January 22

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid, Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
4:20 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, January 23

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid, Large Conference Room)
4 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
5 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Open House/Voice Placements (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, January 24

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid, Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (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 (Art Room, lower level south of Parlors)

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

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)
12 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior 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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