



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Make Me a Captive, Lord (207)
George J. Elvey
Sunwoo Lee, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP 859, with sung response

Psalm 147

* OPENING HYMN 408

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION 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.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace and the light of the Savior Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Everlasting God
Brian Ward
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christine Olfelt, Reader

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Communion
Glenn Kaiser

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Elements
Communion Music

Let Us Break Bread Together (572)

arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

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

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Children's Vocal Ensemble, Brian Ward, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 473

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace (672)

POSTLUDE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (27)

Gilbert M. Martin

** 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 147:1-11

RESPONSE



Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just, by his pow-er we trust in his love.

I ¹Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

II ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
³He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
⁴He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
⁶The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

I ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

RESPONSE

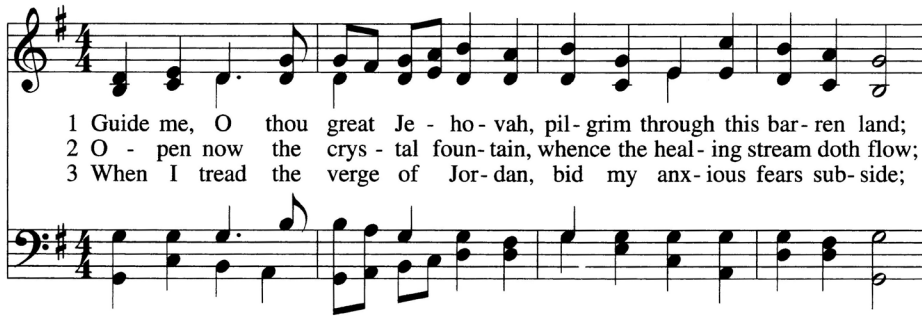
II ⁸He covers the heavens with clouds,
 prepares rain for the earth,
 makes grass grow on the hills.
⁹**He gives to the animals their food,**
and to the young ravens when they cry.
¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
 nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

ALL ¹¹**but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,**
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

RESPONSE

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.

Communion

Glenn Kaiser



Hear me hear my prayer, O God. Guide me lead me
Break me like the bread that night Fill me with Your



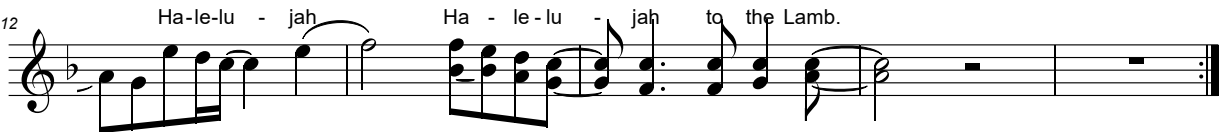
to Your heart. Touch me make these weak bones strong
Ho - ly wine Teach me what it means to die



catch me when You know I'll sure - ly fall
a ho - ly pleas- ing liv - ing sac - ri - fice



Ha - le - lu - jah
Ha - le - lu Ha - le -



Ha-le-lu - jah Ha - le-lu - jah to the Lamb.
- lu Ha - le-lu - jah to the Lamb.

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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.

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.*

473 Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

1 Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;
 2 And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;
 3 O be our might-y heal-er still, O Lord of life and death;

they tri-umphed o-ver pain and death, o'er dark-ness and the grave.
 and youth re-newed, with health re-stored, claimed you, the Lord of light.
 re-store and strength-en, soothe and bless with your al-might-y breath.

To you they went, the blind, the mute, the pal-sied and the lame,
 And so, O Lord, be near to bless, al-might-y now as then,
 On hands that work and eyes that see, your heal-ing wis-dom pour,

the lep-er set a-part and shunned, the sick and those in shame.
 in ev-'ry street, in ev-'ry home, in ev-'ry trou-bled friend.
 that whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you ev-er-more.

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 FOREST GREEN

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **family and friends of Marge Ramgren**, a friend of many here who passed away on January 30
- **Anchor Covenant Church**, recovering after a fire broke out in their sanctuary
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, anticipating a bone marrow transplant on March 18
- **Roderick Smith and family**, mourning the unexpected passing of his brother Greg on January 10
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, undergoing chemo treatments
- **Janice Finney**, recuperating well after back surgery on January 4

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.

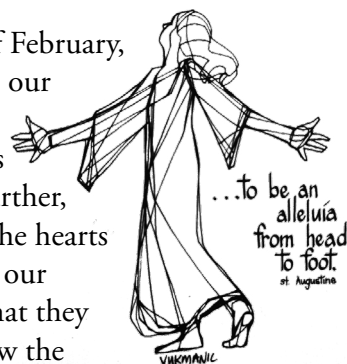
Today is a Benevolence Sunday. Members of the Deacon Board will be at the doors after the service to receive any donations to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community.

Please join us for our Congregational Annual Meeting, Part I, following the worship service today. A light lunch will be served, and the meeting will be fully hybrid, with both the ability to join in the conversation and vote online. Those who wish to join virtually may do so [using this Zoom link](#). 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!

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Last month, we began a new year of praying our way through the neighborhood, recognizing that our faith is embodied in the ways we see and speak and move and listen. God invites us to use our whole selves to pray for the spaces we inhabit and people we meet.

For the month of February, we will pray with our hearts for the people and places we encounter. Further, we will pray for the hearts of those living in our neighborhood, that they will come to know the peace and hope that only Christ can bring.



Psalm 86:11: Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

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.

Dear church,

Thank you for your outpouring of gifts of household goods, furniture, clothing, and love for the migrant family moving into our apartment. Your generosity is “exceeding above” and the family is grateful!

Gaius and Martha

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!

After the worship service on Sunday, April 14, the youth group will be hosting a special coffee hour and silent auction to help raise money for the students and leaders

who will attend UNITE 2024 in July. Currently, we are in need of donations for that morning! Some ideas for items include baked goods, a self-care basket, a movie night basket, dog walking, babysitting, etc. If you're willing to donate something, please let Jeanette Mottl know by Monday, April 1! And please put this on your calendar and be ready to bid on some amazing items!

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

Everlasting God

Brian Ward

Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth.
He will not grow tired, He will not grow weary,
and His understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary, He gives power to the weak.
Even the young grow tired and weary and stumble and fall.
But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary.
They will run and not be faint.
My God is great, my God is faithful. He's the everlasting God.
My God is a healer, my God is my Savior. He's the everlasting God.
My God loves me, even me. He's the everlasting God.
My God can move mountains, He calms the sea. He's the everlasting God.
Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, February 5

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 (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 6

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)

Wednesday, February 7

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)
	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)

Thursday, February 8

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

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
5 pm	Eighth Grader Night (Gym)

Sunday, February 11

9 am	Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
9:15 am	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
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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