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PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (91)  
Dale Wood  
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

Moment for Mission

Dave Schlensker for the Choir Director Search Committee

INTROIT

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light (367, verses 1 and 3)  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 50

The mighty one, God the Creator, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence.

**Speak to us, God, for we are listening.**

\* OPENING HYMN 206

Sing of God Made Manifest

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

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Samantha Johnson, Reader

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

\* Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies  
Keith Bissell

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

O Praise Him

David Crowder

2003 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by Emma Hunter, Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,  
Sunwoo Lee, 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](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

Duke Street Variations

arr. Paul Taylor

Brian Ward, Organ

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING SONG

Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)

Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen

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

\* RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

written by Nathan Nettleton

Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God's glory.

Do not cling to the holy moments

when heaven overshadows you,

but as the Lord lives, listen to Christ and follow him

from the places of revelation

to the places of mission.

**And may God shine the light of glory into our hearts.**

**May Christ be with us and never leave us.**

**And may the Spirit renew the image of God within us.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, we go. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (267)


Paul Manz

*\* 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.*

## Sing of God Made Manifest


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1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,  
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,  
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest  
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,  
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."  
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:



Ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:  
 Then from heav - en a dou - ble sign— dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—  
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,  
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, giv'n as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and fran - kin - cense and gold grave and God and King fore - told.  
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.  
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

## 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*

# O Praise Him

David Crowder



Turn your ear to hea - ven and hear the noise  
Turn your gaze to hea - ven and raise a joy -



in - side. The sound of an - gels' awe, the sound of an -  
ous noise. The sound of sal - va - tion come, the sound of res -



- gels' songs, and all this for our King. We could join and sing. All  
- cued ones, and all this for our King. An - gels join to sing. All



to Christ the King. How con - stant, how di - vine This song of ours  
for Christ our King.



will rise. O, how con - stant, how di - vine This love of ours will rise



will rise O praise Him O praise



Him He is ho - ly He is ho - ly

35

O la, la, la, la, la, la, la O la, la, la, la, la, la

39

O la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, O praise Him

44

O praise Him He is ho - ly He is ho - ly

50

How in - fin-ite and sweet This love so res - cu - ing O, how in - fin-ite - ly

55

sweet This great love that has re - deemed has won, we say

61

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia

65

He is ho - ly He is ho - ly

## 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.*



# Hallelujah

## Your Love is Amazing

Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen



Your love is a - maz - ing,      stead - y and un - chang -  
Your love is sur - pris - ing,      I can feel it ris -



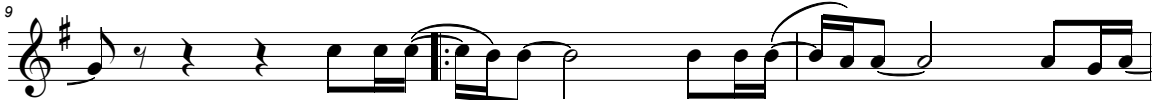
- ing,      Your love is a moun - tain firm be - neath my feet.  
- ing,      All the joy that's grow - ing deep in - side of me



Your love is a my - stery,      how you gen - tly lift  
E - very time I see You,      all your good - ness shines



me, when I am sur - round - ed,      your love car - ries me  
through. I can feel this God song      ris - ing up in me



Hal - le - lu - jah      Hal - le - lu - jah      Hal - le - lu -



- jah      Your love makes me sing      Hal - le - lu - jah      Hal - le - lu -



- jah      Hal - le - lu - jah      Your love makes me sing.      Your love makes me sing. Hal - le - lu

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!* *We're glad you're here.*

## *For your prayers this week:*

- **family and friends of Marge Ramgren**, who passed away on January 30
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, anticipating a bone marrow transplant on March 18
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, undergoing chemo treatments
- **Janice Finney**, recuperating well after back surgery on January 4

## *Missionary Prayer Spotlight*

Craig Wickstrom, missionary to Congo, requests prayer for wisdom and sensitivity for Cheryl and him as they seek God's will while making plans to move to Oregon and imagine future retirement; for the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM) leadership and especially President DUALE as they seek to meet immediate needs while also planning for the future; and for unity and reconciliation within the CEUM. Please pray that the concerns of the marginalized will not be forgotten.

**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.

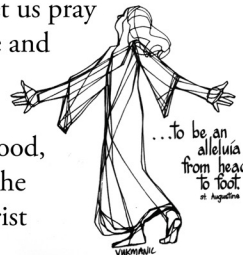
**The North Park Readers have chosen *The Summer Book*** by Tove Jansson for our February book club selection. The book distills the essence of the summer, with its sunlight and storms, into 22 vignettes. We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 27, at 7 pm at the home of Lynn Pearson, 5328 N. Spaulding. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Arkema at [helen.arkema@gmail.com](mailto:helen.arkema@gmail.com). Looking forward to meeting soon.

**Copies of the Evangelical Covenant Church's 2023-2024 Prayer Calendar are available** in the narthex today. Please feel free to pick up a copy!

**Hey, college students!** Every Sunday after church, lunch is available for you in the large conference room (lower level, down the hall from the parlors). Let us know if you want to come for some non-cafeteria food and community! Reach out to Linnea Olfelt at 773-397-3468 or [lmolfelt@gmail.com](mailto:lmolfelt@gmail.com) with questions or to let her know you want to come!

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

For the month of February, let us 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*

**Celebrate Black History Month with the church library.** In his sermon last Sunday Pastor Jeff said, “For this Black History Month that we’re starting, a great practice would be to read someone from a Black faithful community to help you understand scripture and get outside your world-view.” The library’s collection includes many biographies of notable African Americans, books about African-American history, and books by Black authors. We even have a copy of the book he mentioned, *Reading While Black* by Esau McCaulley. A complete list of Black history books and DVDs held by the library is displayed on top of the cabinet in the library.

**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 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](mailto: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!

**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](#).

**North Park University invites you to their annual Hymn Festival.** This year’s theme is “Belonging”. We raise our voices in community, exploring the power of restoring love through congregational hymns and songs. This free event will take place on Friday, February 16, at 7:30 pm in Anderson Chapel, 5159 N. Spaulding Avenue (located on the North Park University Campus).

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

**Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

*Keith Bissell*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light—  
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o’er the shades of night;  
Dayspring, from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

# *We invite you to our Lenten and Holy Week services*

## **Wednesday, February 14, 7 pm: Ash Wednesday**

We will share in the Lord's Supper, and offer the imposition of ashes. Come, begin the journey to the cross.

Those who would like to attend a simple supper before the service may do so at 6 pm. Please RSVP by the end of the day on Monday, February 12, by filling out the form found at <http://tinyurl.com/gather-rsvp>

*Each week in Lent, we will hold our usual 10:30 am service, but we will also offer an evening service each Sunday at 6 pm in the south chapel.*

**Sunday, February 18, 10:30 am:** The First Sunday in Lent  
**6 pm:** Evening Lenten Worship Service

**Sunday, February 25, 10:30 am:** The Second Sunday in Lent  
**6 pm:** Evening Lenten Worship Service

**Sunday, March 3, 10:30 am:** The Third Sunday in Lent  
**6 pm:** Evening Lenten Worship Service

**Sunday, March 10, 10:30 am:** The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
**6 pm:** Evening Lenten Worship Service

**Sunday, March 17, 10:30 am:** The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
**6 pm:** Evening Lenten Worship Service

**Sunday, March 24, 10:30 am:** Palm Sunday

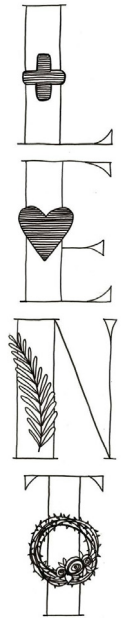
Come to the south garden at 9:15 am for a palm procession through the neighborhood, followed by a light breakfast in the parlors before our 10:30 am service, in which we will share in a liturgy of the palms and a liturgy of the passion.

**Thursday, March 28, 7 pm:** Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
Join us at 7 pm for a service of communion and foot washing.

**Friday, March 29, 7 pm:** Good Friday Tenebrae Service  
Return on Friday at 7 pm for a Good Friday service of shadows.

**Sunday, March 31, 10:30 am:** Easter Sunday

Join us at 9:15 am for a light breakfast in the parlors before our 10:30 am worship service, in which we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection.



# 2024 Easter Memorials/Honoraria

You are invited to honor or memorialize a loved one, either with a flowering plant or a monetary gift. This year's donations will be given to our refugee family fund. Whether you choose one or both options, your name/s will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 31. *The deadline to submit this form is Thursday, February 29.*



- I/We would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter plant/s at \$22/plant.
- I/We would like to make a donation to support refugee families.

Check     Cash     Online

Amount paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: If paying online for a plant and making a donation, separate transactions must be done for each purpose, selecting Flowers and/or Refugee Family Fund from the drop-down menu.*

*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, February 12

- 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, February 13

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 10:15 am NPCCP Y3s Valentine's Day Party (Gym)
- 2:15 pm NPCCP 4s Valentine's Day Party (Gym)
- 4 pm George Soccer Practice (Gym)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm Board of Community Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Board of Deacons Meeting (Hybrid/Staff Conference Room)
- Board of Trustees Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 7:30 pm Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Parlors)

### Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 10:15 am NPCCP 3s Valentine's Day Party (Gym)
- 6 pm Gather Simple Supper (Parlors)
- 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, February 15

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

### Friday, February 16

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

### Saturday, February 17

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

### Sunday, February 18 - The First Sunday in Lent

- 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)
- 6 pm Lenten Worship Service (South Chapel)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- AA Meeting (Parlors)

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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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