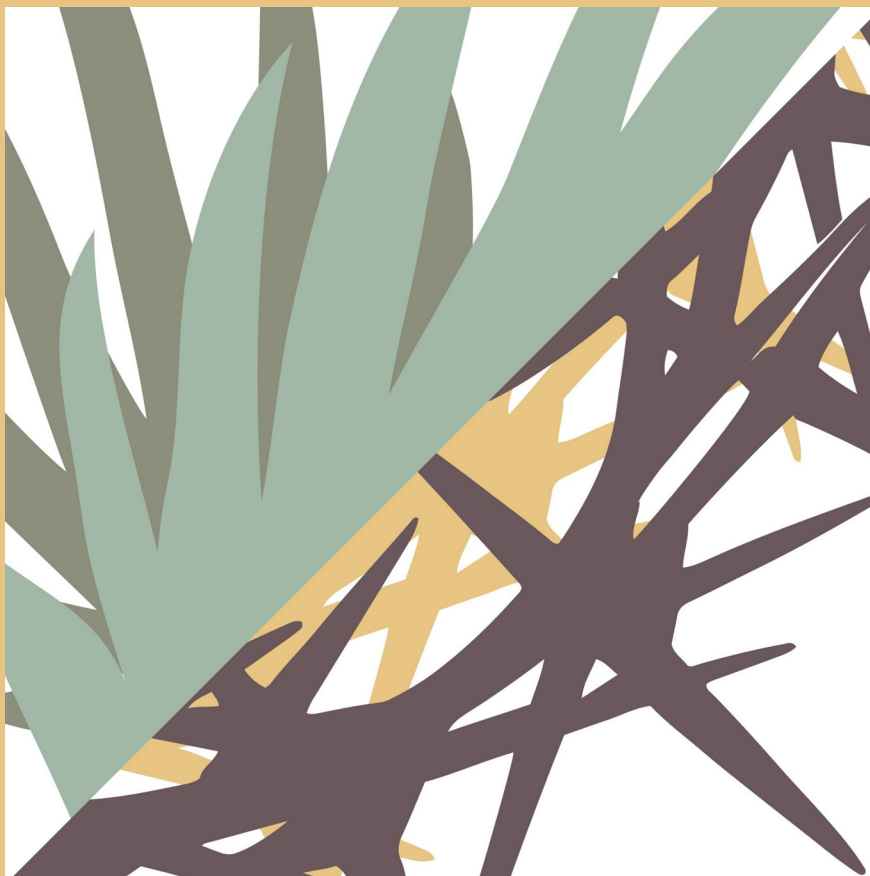


PALM *Sunday*



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PRELUDE

The King Rides In
Lani Smith
Brian Ward, Organ

+ *LITURGY OF THE PALMS* +

* READING OF SCRIPTURE

Suelexia Rodriguez, Reader
Mark 11:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 118
written by Jeff Shrowder

Give thanks to the Lord, who alone is good;

whose steadfast love is everlasting!

Let the gates of righteousness be opened

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 227

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

* 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, forever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus
arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Chorus: Ride on, King Jesus, no man can-a hinduh me. [2x]

I was but young when I begun (no man can-a hinduh me),
but now my race is almost won (no man can-a hinduh me). *Chorus*

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse (no man can-a hinduh me);
the river of Jordan He did cross (no man can-a hinduh me). *Chorus*

If you want to find your way to God (no man can-a hinduh me),
the gospel highway must be trod (no man can-a hinduh me). *Chorus*

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* HYMN 228

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

+ *LITURGY OF THE PASSION* +

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Suelexia, Alexei, and Rebecca Rodriguez, Readers

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

* Gospel Reading

Mark 15:1-39

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith, and are themselves forgiving. In silence, let us call to mind our sins.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
American Folk Hymn
arr. John Ferguson
Maria Ward, Flute
Robert Johnson, Bass

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself.
O, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.
O, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself.
O, nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.

SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus Christ died for our sins, not to satisfy an angry God but to reach out with unending love to stubborn and selfish people. We are those people. Let the power of those words sink into you, and be comforted. Your sins are forgiven!

May the peace of Christ Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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Led by Jeff Hunter, Kristen Hunter, 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.

Offertory

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee (297)

Theodore DuBois, arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

God Loved the World So That He Gave

* Responsive Hymn 114, verse 1

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 234

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns (270)

Charles Callahan

Sunwoo Lee, Organ

** 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.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you Re - deem - er, King,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:

You are the king of Is - ra - el, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 the peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went,
 as you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the praise we bring,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed one!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King! A - men.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang:
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n our King.

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

WORDS: Based on Matthew 21:1-11, Jennette Threlfall, 1821-1880
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzog*, Wirttemberg, 1784

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A higher setting can be found at 58.

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Largo (♩ = 45)



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; om -
What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What
What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His



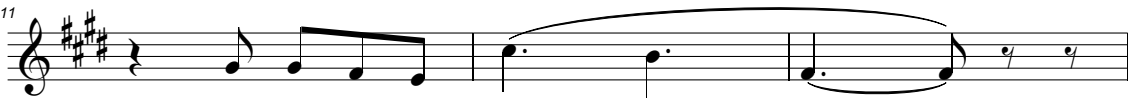
ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; Our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; Our
stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; Our



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!
sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.
sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more.



Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; Our



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

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.

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended 234

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3 Lo, the good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that one to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee, I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing. A - men.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Steve Paska and family**, mourning the passing of his cousin Bruce this past Wednesday
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, recuperating after surgery last Wednesday to remove a bowel obstruction
- **Eric Pfeiffelman**, recuperating after surgery last Monday
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, recuperating after undergoing a stem cell transplant last Wednesday
- our assistant teacher in the preschool **Jennifer Glazier and family**, mourning the unexpected passing of her father, John, last Wednesday
- Paul Wargaski's parents: **Rosalie**, who fell and broke her arm, and **Ronald**, in need of peace while struggling with a chronic lung condition
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Barbara Towes**, recuperating after having one of her toes amputated last week
- **Cheyenne Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of her grandmother
- **the Uniting Voices Chicago community and the family** of 11-year-old Jayden Perkins, who was fatally stabbed in a domestic dispute on March 13



Welcome to NPCC! If you are new to North Park Covenant Church, we want to say, "Huzzah!" We're so glad you're here and getting involved with the community. And if you would like to get more information about who we are and potential ways to get involved, the QR code at the left will get you on the list so we can share a few emails with you.

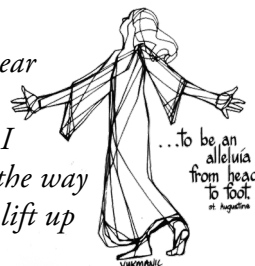
Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

The spring issue of *The Covenant Home Altar*, the Evangelical Covenant Church's daily devotional, has arrived and is available for pick-up in the narthex today. Feel free to grab a copy! Our copies of its Spanish-language counterpart, *Hoy Con Dios*, have yet to arrive, but we'll let you know when they do.

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

As we continue in prayer for our neighborhood throughout the month of March, and recognizing that our hope comes from God and God alone, we pray from the depths of our souls for the peace and comfort that only God can bring to the people and places in our neighborhood.

Psalm 143:8 - Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.



Staff Away: Pastor Libby will be out of the office from Monday, March 25, through Wednesday, March 27, and Ann-Marie will be out of the office on Wednesday, March 27.

Bible Journaling and the College-age Young Adult Lunch are on hold for Palm Sunday and Easter, but they will resume next Sunday, April 7.

On Saturday, April 13, at 10 am, the women of NPCC are invited to a women's brunch in the parlors. Come for a time of fellowship, a delicious meal, and an opportunity to hear Rev. Andrea Spicer, a pastor at JPUSA, share her heart with us. To RSVP, [please click here](#), and bring a friend!

After the worship service on Sunday, April 14, the youth group will host a special coffee hour and silent auction to help raise money for those who will attend UNITE 2024 in July. Currently, we are in need of donations! Some ideas include baked goods, a self-care basket, dog walking, babysitting, etc. If you're willing to donate something, please contact Jeanette Mottl at jmottl@npcovenant.org by Monday, April 1. And please put this on your calendar and be ready to bid on some amazing items!

The nominating committee is looking for church members interested in representing the church at the ECC Annual Meeting, Gather 2024, which will be held in Cincinnati, OH, from June 27-29. If you have an interest or any questions, please [contact Susan Dawson](#). The church will pay for transportation and housing/meals.

We invite you to walk with us this Holy Week

This Holy Week, we invite you to engage with two temporary installations:

- NPCC has been gifted the use of the North Park Seminary School of Spiritual Direction's indoor prayer labyrinth. A prayer labyrinth is a winding path for prayer that helps people draw near to God. The Prayer Labyrinth will be available in the parlors from March 25-29 during office hours and before and after our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.
- And from March 24 through March 31, the Stations of the Cross journey returns to church. Come to the church property and take part in this journey of reflection and prayer that is marked out in various places around the building as we walk together toward the good news of Easter Sunday.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Thursday, March 28, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Join us at 7 pm for a service of communion and foot washing. Come a little early or stay after to pray your way through the labyrinth in the parlors.

Friday, March 29, 7 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Return on Friday at 7 pm for a Good Friday service of shadows. Come a little early or stay after to pray your way through the labyrinth in the parlors.

Sunday, March 31, 10:30 am: Easter Sunday Worship Service

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.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, March 25

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, March 26

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, March 27

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

- 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 8 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)
- 7 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 30

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

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

- 9:15 am All-church Breakfast (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 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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