



**NORTH PARK**  
COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 7, 2024  
+ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER +

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PRELUDE

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful  
Dale Wood  
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

\* OPENING HYMN 241

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

\* 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 Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Makayla Elise Rose De La O Finney,  
daughter of Naomi Finney and Juan De La O  
Tiffany Savage, Sponsor  
Children of the Heavenly Father

Sung Response 87

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

New Testament Reading

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Ellen Kogstad, Reader

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

John 20:19-31

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though my body be destroyed,  
yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
Alleluia! I know that my Redeemer lives.  
Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face;  
now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.  
Alleluia! I know that my Redeemer lives.

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Here's My Heart, Lord  
Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Louie Giglio  
S.D.G. Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
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Open Hands Music (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)  
So Essential Tunes (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)  
Led by Jon Boyd, Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,  
Sunwoo Lee, Brian Ward, Lauren Wargaski, and Ryan Wendt

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration  
Sharing in the Meal  
Communion Music

Wonderful Peace  
Michael Wilson

Fountain Medley  
Penny Rodriguez

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity  
Offertory

Goodness of God

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

'Cause all my life You have been faithful,  
and all my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend,  
and I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after me.  
With my life laid down, I surrendered now.  
I give You everything, oh Lord.

\* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 3

He Lives

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 262

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

*Verse 1 - Choir only; Verses 2, 3, and 6 - All sing; Verse 4 - Men only; Verse 5 - Women only*

\* WORDS OF SENDING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
Rick Carlson

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King  
Gilbert 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.*

## 241 Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

*In unison*

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter day, the sun shone  
 2 His ris - en form with ra - diance glowed, his wound - ed  
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do now our  
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in this our  
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to you, who,

out with fair - er ray, when to their long - ing eyes re -  
 hands and side he showed; those scars their si - lent wit - ness  
 in - most hearts pos - sess; and we to you will ev - er  
 joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - 'ry wea - pon death can  
 dead, a - gain now live; to God the Fa - ther e - qual

stored th'a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 wield your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.  
 praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise. A - men.

WORDS: Latin, fifth century, tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621; arr. Roland Tabell, 1934-, © 1996 Roland Tabell

L.M.  
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# Children of the Heavenly Father

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The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bos - om gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish;  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;  
 5 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;  
*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra;*

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 from all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 at the will of your De - fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.  
*Stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.*

WORDS: Lina Sandell, 1832-1903, tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958,  
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 MUSIC: Swedish melody, 1874

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# Here's My Heart, Lord

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Louie Giglio



Here's my heart, Lord

Here's my heart, Lord

Here's my heart, Lord



Speak what is true

I am found

I am Yours,



I am loved,

I'm made pure

I have life

I can breathe



I am healed

I am free

You are strong



You are sure

You are life

You en - dure

You are good



al - ways true

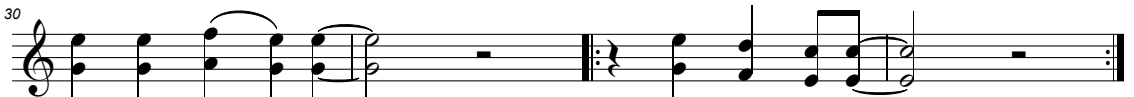
You are light

break - ing through.



Here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my life, Lord

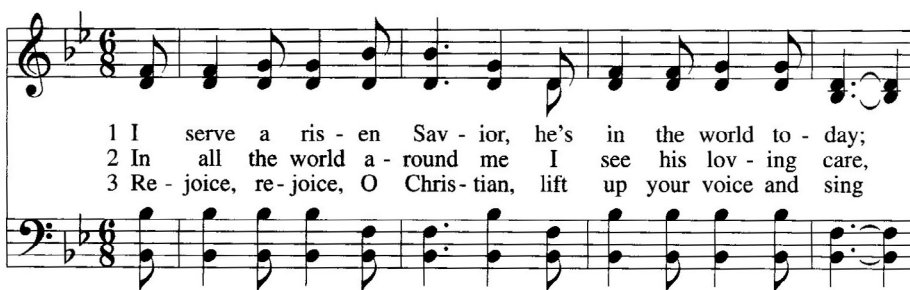
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Here's my life, Lord



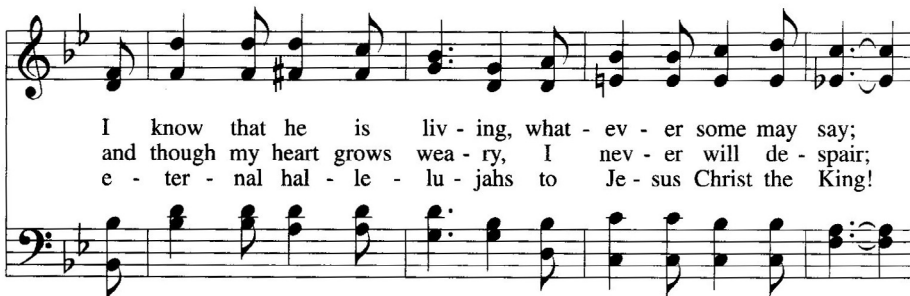
Here's my heart, Lord  
Here's my life, Lord

Speak what is true.  
Speak what is true.

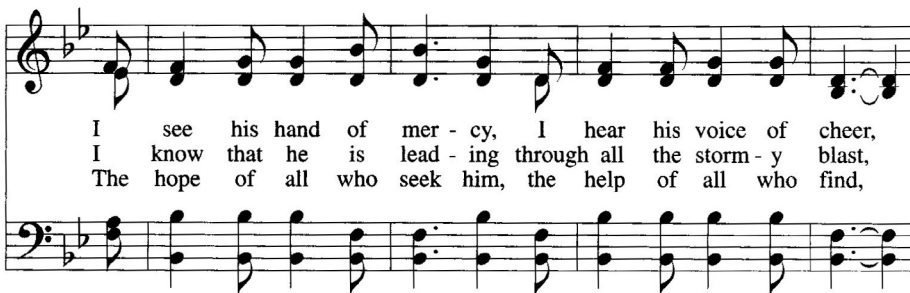
## He Lives



1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;  
 2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,  
 3 Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing



I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;  
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;  
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!



I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

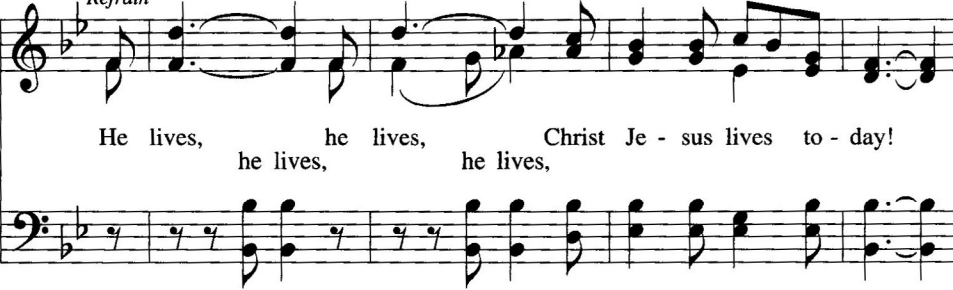


and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.  
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

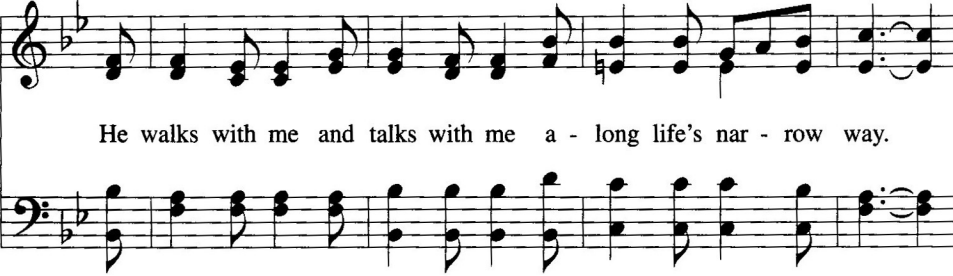


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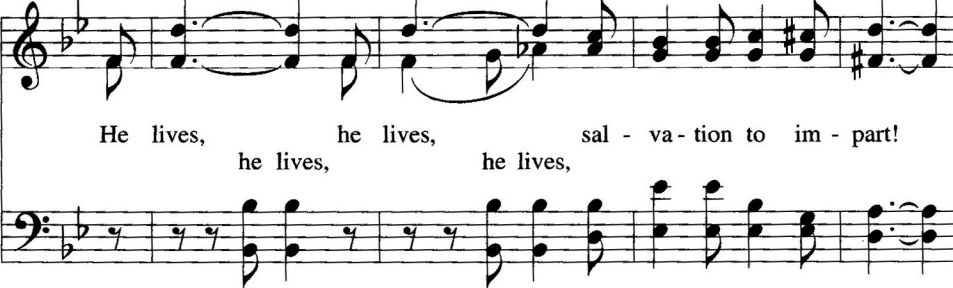
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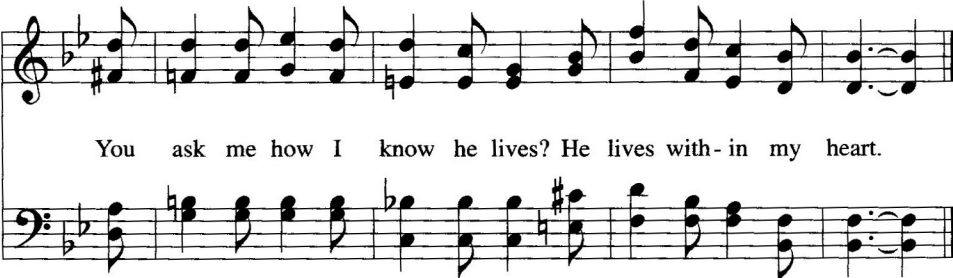
He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
he lives, he lives,



He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.



He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
he lives, he lives,



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.

## O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! 262

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

le - lu - ia!

- 1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!
- 2 That night the 'a - pos - tles met in fear;
- 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
- 4 "My pier - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
- 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
- 6 How blest are they who have not seen,

The King of heav'n, the glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose  
a - mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be  
how they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -  
my hands, my feet, I show to thee; not faith - less, but be -  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and  
and yet whose faith has con - stant been, for they e - ter - nal

*Fine*

tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
with you here." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
ci - ple's word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

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

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **Marla Parker**, on hospice care and declining
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson and family**, as Kari continues on hospice care
- **Kristen Engebretson**, recuperating after an appendectomy
- Keith Chase-Ziolek's sister, **Lynn Hecht**, recuperating after surgery for ovarian cancer
- **Steve Paska and family**, mourning the passing of his cousin Bruce
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, recuperating after a stem cell transplant
- Paul Wargaski's parents: **Rosalie**, who fell and broke her arm, and **Ronald**, in need of peace while struggling with a chronic lung condition
- **Eric Pfeiffelman**, recuperating after surgery
- former NPCC member **Sharon Peterson and family**, mourning the passing of her mother
- friend of our church Sarah Shockey's nephew, **Jack**, recuperating after an appendectomy

**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.

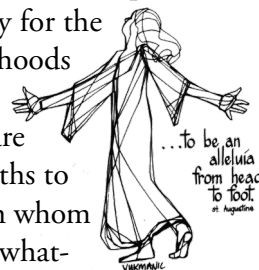
**Today is a Benevolence Sunday.** Members of the Deacon Board will be at the doors after the service to receive any donations to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community.

**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 Jesus People USA, share her heart with us. [To RSVP, please click here](#), and bring a friend!

**Next Sunday, April 14, we invite you to Youth Sunday!** Join us as we are led in worship by our middle- and high-school students. Following the service, a special coffee hour and silent auction will be held to raise funds to send kids to UNITE 2024.

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

We continue in the month of April to use our whole selves to pray for the people in the neighborhoods in which we live. In this Easter season, we are invited to use our mouths to pray for the people with whom we live in community, whatever their situation, whatever their beliefs, whatever their stories. Let us use our mouths to pray that all will come to know the Good News of Christ's resurrection and the sure hope of all creation!



*Psalm 89:1 - I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.*

**On Sunday, April 21, we will hold a Town Hall meeting** to discuss youth ministry for the year to come in preparation for the April 28 Congregational Annual Meeting – Part II. We hope you can join us for this time of discussion.

**The North Park Readers will read *How I Discovered Poetry*** by Marilyn Nelson for our April book club. We will meet at Tre Kronor (3258 W. Foster Ave.) on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 pm. If you have any questions feel free to contact Helen Arkema at [helen.arkema@gmail.com](mailto:helen.arkema@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**North Park Church Cooperative Preschool will hold their Spring Fest Fundraiser** on Saturday, April 27, and they would appreciate donations of baked goods for the bake sale portion of that fundraiser. If you are willing and able, they ask that baked goods be nut-free, packaged in \$5 increments, and dropped off to the preschool office by 3 pm on Friday, April 26. [Please contact Becky Edwards](#) if you have questions.

**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.

**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.

**Hey, college-age young adults!** Nearly 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 [lmolfelt@gmail.com](mailto:lmolfelt@gmail.com) or 773-397-3468 with questions or to let her know you want to come!

**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](#).

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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, April 7*

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

### *Tuesday, April 9*

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5 pm	Board of Community Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Adult Bible Study (Art Room)
	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, April 10*

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

### *Thursday, April 11*

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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### *Friday, April 12*

1 pm	Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)
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### *Saturday, April 13*

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10 am	Women's Brunch (Parlors)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Sunday, April 14 - Youth Sunday*

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)
11:45 am	UNITE Silent Auction (Parlors)
12 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
	AA Meeting (Parlors)

## North Park Covenant

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## North Park Church

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### Missionaries We Support

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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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