



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 14, 2024
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PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
arr. Brian Ward
Linnea Applequist, Cello
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 4
Keegan Lee

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

* OPENING SONG

You Are

David Crowder, Ed Cash, Hank Bentley

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Led by Rosie Boyd, Johanna Frisk, Emma Hunter, Anders Johnson,
Stella Learn, Sunwoo Lee, Jeanette Mottl, Brian Ward, and Erik Ward

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887

Huck Johnson

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:1-7, Sebastian Fernandez

* Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48, Helen Trinter

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

2017 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Drew Bramley

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fantasia on *A Theme of Haydn*

Marcel Grandjany

Ayden Hunt, Harp

MESSAGE

Jeanette Mottl

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Axel Olson-Brady

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

Invitation to Generosity

Suelexia Rodriguez

Offertory

Hunting Chorus

C.M.V. Weber

Ayden Hunt, Erik Ward, and Anna Wargaski,

French Horn Trio

* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 3

He Lives

* Prayer of Dedication

Sienna Berg

* CLOSING HYMN 348

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glory!
Douglas E. Wagner
Johanna Frisk, Flute

** 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.

You Are

David Crowder, Ed Cash, and Hank Bentley

Allegro (♩ = 110)



Nev - er mo - ving
Ev - er wait - ing

like a moun - tain
for the wea - ry;

nev - er end - ing
ev - er want - ing



like the sea;
them to see

like a sun - rise
there is ran - som,

bring - ing blue skies,
there's for - give - ness



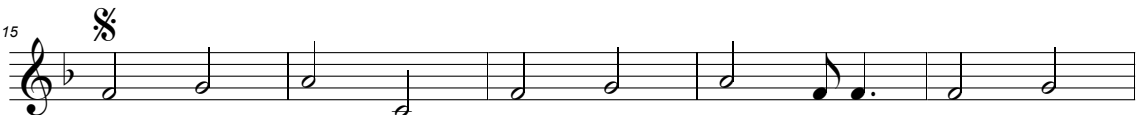
Your light is all a - round me.
Your hope is all a - round me.

Though I'm prone to leave Your



side You chase me like the tide.

You are



con - stant in my wan - der - ing. You are bright - er



than the dark in me. You are the love that




sets me free. You are faith - ful, You are faith - ful,

30 Last time to Coda  1.




You are

34 2.



Nev-er leav - ing or for - sak - ing. You are

39




hold-ing me when the waves are crash - ing. You are

43



pul-ling me like grav - i - ty in - to Your arms, in - to Your arms, in -

47 *D.S. al Coda*



to Your arms. You are

51  Coda



55



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

Who You Say I Am

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding



Who am I that the highest king would wel-come me? I was lost, but He brought me in, oh His



love for me Oh, His love for me! Who the Son sets free, oh is



free in - deed. I'm a child of God, Yes, I am!



Free at last, He has ran-somed me His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Je-sus



died for me. Je-sus died for me! Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed, I'm a



child of God, Yes, I am! In my Fa - ther's house, there's a place for me. I'm a



child of God, Yes, I am! I am cho - sen, not for-sa - ken. I am who You say I am. You are



for me, not a-gainst me, I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am. Who the

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



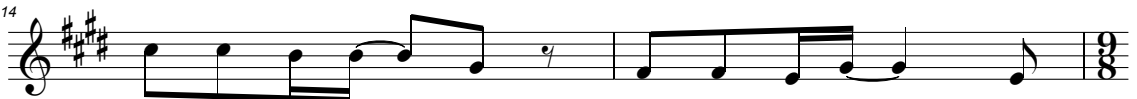
in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; Our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; Our
stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; Our



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.

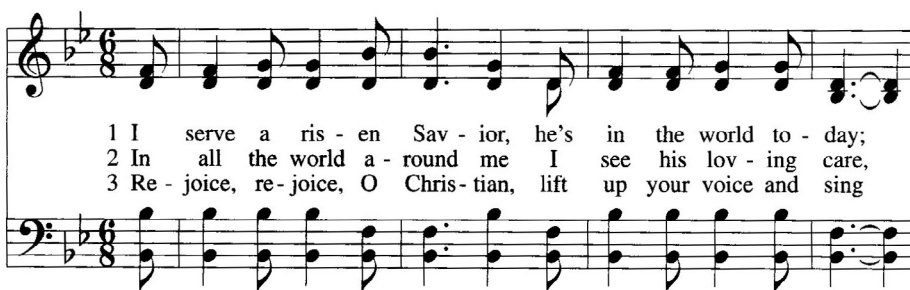


Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; Our

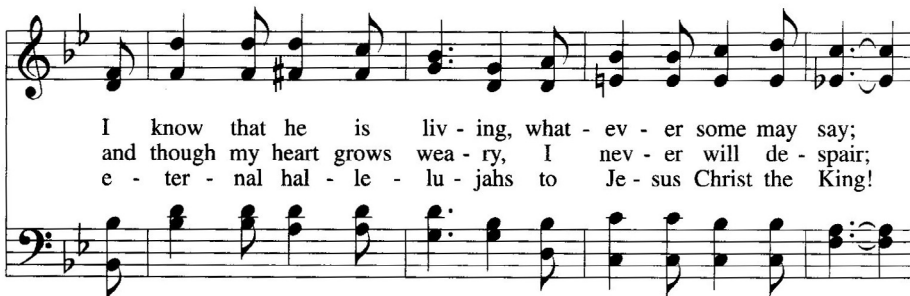


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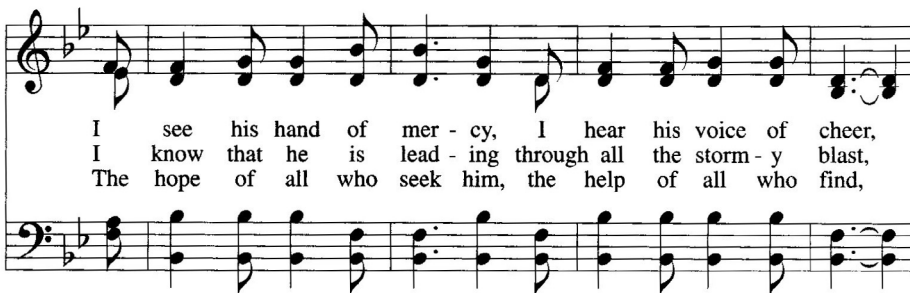
He Lives



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!



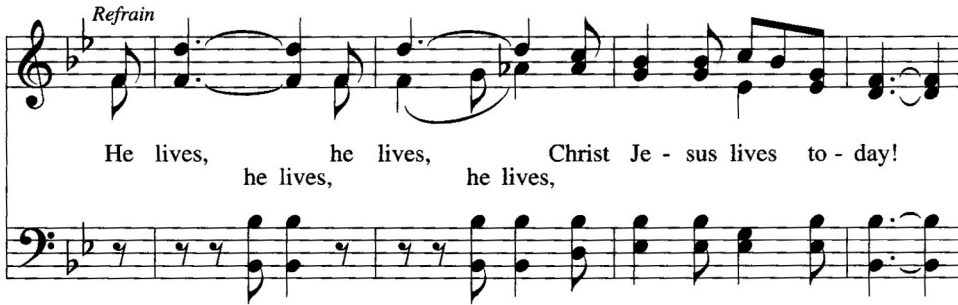
I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,



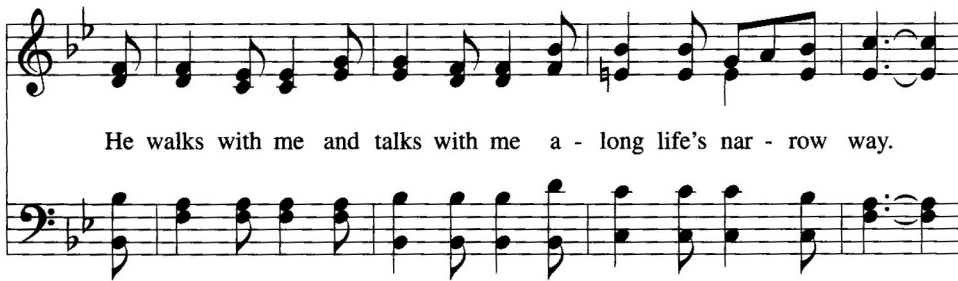
and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

EASTER: RESURRECTION

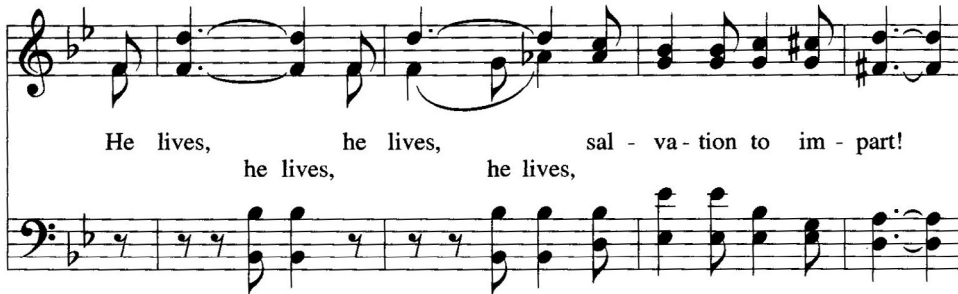
Refrain



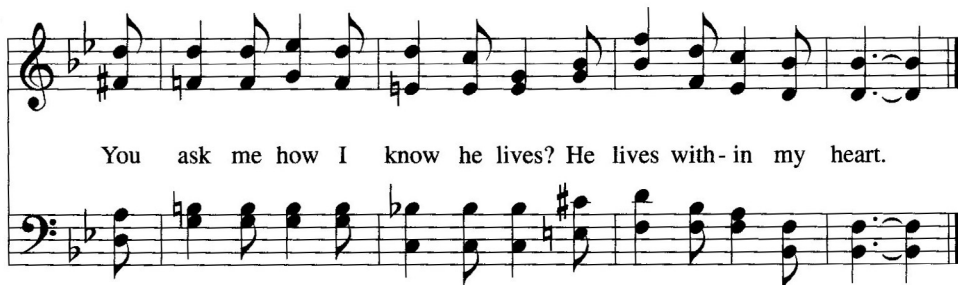
He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
he lives, he lives,



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.

348 Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

1 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— all its joys are but a name;
 2 Take the world, but give me Je-sus—sweet-est com-fort of my soul;
 3 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— let me view his con-stant smile;
 4 Take the world, but give me Je-sus— in his cross my trust shall be;

but his love a-bides for - ev - er, through e - ter - nal years the same.
 with my Sav - ior watch - ing o'er me, I can sing, though bil - lows roll.
 then through - out my pil - grim jour - ney light will cheer me all the while.
 till with clear - er, bright - er vi - sion face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain

O the height and depth of mer - cy! O the length and breadth of love!

O the full - ness of re - demp - tion, pledge of end - less life a - bove!

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Heather and Katie Parker and family**, as they mourn the passing of their mother, Marla Parker, last Sunday
- **Don Olson and family**, mourning the passing of his nephew, Merrill Milson, on April 4 after a recent diagnosis of cancer
- **Eloise Nelson**, moved to Brandel Care Center due to recent health decline
- **Sharon Peterson and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Jean Rich, on March 31
- **the Lindholm-Johnson family**, as Kari continues on hospice care
- Keith Chase-Ziolek's sister, **Lynn Hecht**, recuperating after surgery for ovarian cancer
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, recuperating after a stem cell transplant
- Paul Wargaski's parents in New Jersey: **Rosalie**, who fell and broke her arm, and **Ronald**, who is in need of peace while struggling with a chronic lung condition
- friend of our church Sarah Shockey's 10-year-old nephew, **Jack Shockey**, recuperating well after undergoing an appendectomy last week

Missionary Prayer Spotlight: Peter & Anna Kim

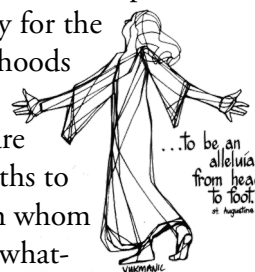
Please keep praying for those in Hualien, Taiwan. This place, where the earthquake hit, was one of our favorite places to visit. We usually go there in April, but because we had guests, we ended up going to the south of Taiwan instead! We are amazed at God's mercy. Other friends who were visiting the earthquake zone had so many terrifying stories. We continue to wait and see if those stranded due to landslides are finally able to return home.

Also for your prayers, we are partnering with Taiwan Evangelical Covenant churches and local churches in outreach and discipleship. Anna serves at House of Blessing bilingual church, as well. Peter is liaison for the Jesus Covenant Church, a church for Filipino migrant workers in Fengyuan, Taiwan. Anna also serves as the school nurse at Morrison Christian Academy, a school for missionary children.

The bouquets at the front of the sanctuary today are given by Sue Anderson's daughters in honor of her birthday.

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.

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.

All are invited to join us downstairs in the parlors after the worship service for a special coffee hour and a silent auction to help raise funds to send some of our youth to UNITE 2024!

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. Hope to see you there!

We will hold the second part of this year's Annual Congregational Meeting on April 28, 2024, following worship. Items on the agenda will be: 1) the ballot of church leaders for 2024-2025, 2) a recommendation to make our 2024-2025 Youth Minister position full-time, 3) a recommendation to hire our new Chancel Choir Director, and 4) the description of a sabbatical plan for our pastors. We will hold a town hall meeting following worship on April 21 to discuss the Youth Ministry proposal. Please join in this important work of discerning our next steps!

Registration for our two Central Conference camps, Covenant Point (Iron River, MI) and Covenant Harbor (Lake Geneva, WI), is well underway, and many of our kids are registered. If you or someone you know has a child who would love to go to summer camp, but family finances are tight, please reach out to Pastor Libby. The church has funds to send our kids to camp and we'd love to use them!

The nominating committee is in need of two more delegates for upcoming annual meetings, one for the denominational annual meeting (Gather 2024, to be held in Cincinnati, OH, from June 27-29), and one for the Central Conference annual meeting (Celebration 2024, to be held at Batavia Covenant Church, Batavia, IL, from May 2-4). If you have any questions or are interested in representing the church at either of these meetings, [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 or 773-397-3468 with questions or to let her know you want to come!

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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, April 15

- 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 16

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)
- Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 17

- 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 18

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 19

- 12 pm NPCCP Parent/Teacher Conferences (Staff Conference Room)
- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)
- 6 pm Sunday School Sleepover (Youth Room, Gym, Parlors)

Saturday, April 20

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10 am Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Parlors and Sanctuary)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, April 21

- 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 Town Hall Gathering (Parlors)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- 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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