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PRELUDE

Prelude on *Orientis Partibus*
Thomas Matthews
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL INTROIT

With God as Our Friend (592, verses 1 and 4)
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP 791, with sung response 2

Psalm 23

* OPENING HYMN 407

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Don Olson, Reader

Easter Season Acts Reading

Acts 4:5-12

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:16-24

* Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus
arr. Craig Courtney

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. *Refrain'*

And when I come to die, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

MESSAGE

Tony Pizarro

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

The Lord's My Shepherd

Stuart Townend

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Led by Anders Johnson, Sunwoo Lee, Brian Ward,
Maria Ward, and Lauren Wargaski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Offertorium

Charles Gounod

He Lives

* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 3

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 404

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Now and Serve the Lord

Douglas E. Wagner

** 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.

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Psalm 23

RESPONSE 1



Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in- to life.

RESPONSE 2



My shep - herd will sup -




ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.



ALL ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;
³he restores my soul.
 He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

RESPONSE 1 OR 2

Response 1: Words adapt. and music: Marty Haugen, ©1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 Thou has prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful tho' we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our be - ings fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us, when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still. A - men.

The Lord's My Shepherd

Stuart Townend



1. The Lord's my shep - herd I'll not want He makes me
2. He guides my ways in right - eous - ness and He a -



lie in pas - tures green He leads me by the still, still
noints my head with oil and my cup it o - ver -



wa - ters His good-ness re - stores my soul And I will trust in you a -
flows with joy I feast on His pure de - lights



lone and I will trust in you a - lone for your end - less mer - cy



fol - lows me Your good-ness will lead me home. and though I



walk the dark - est path I will not fear the e - vil one for you are



with me and your rod and staff are the com - fort I need to know.

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

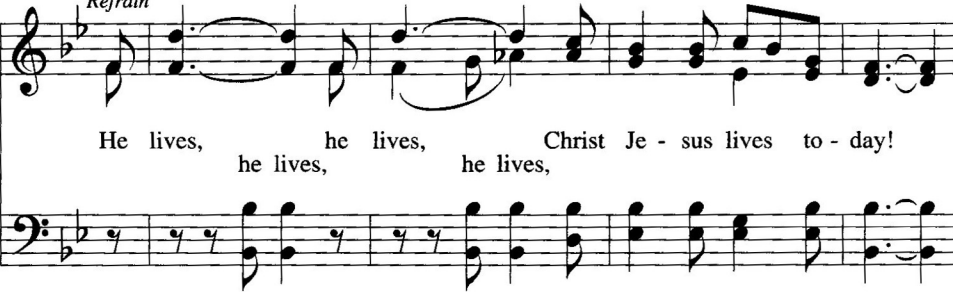
I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

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

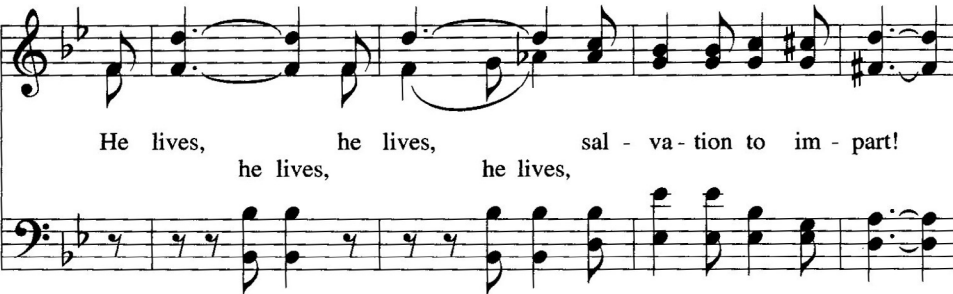
Refrain



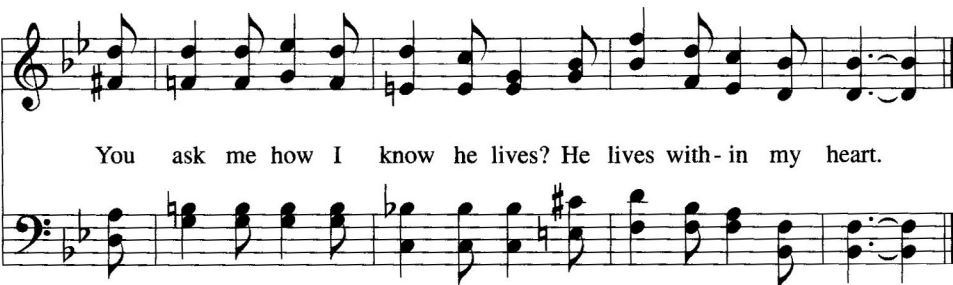
He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
he lives, he lives,



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.

404 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!

C G7/C C F C C/G G

1 He lead-eth me, O bless-ed thought! O words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
 3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic - t'ry's won,

C G7/C C F C Am C/G G7 C

What - e'er I do, where - e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 con - tent, what - e'er my lot may be, since 'tis my God who lead - eth me.
 e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain
 C G G/F C/E F C F/C C Am C/G G

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me;

C G G/F C/E F C F/C C Am C/G G7 C

his faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, hospitalized with a collapsed lung
- **Janice Kelly and family**, as Tom continues to decline slowly
- **Alex Bravos and family**, mourning the sudden passing of their cousin Todd
- **Heather & Katie Parker**, mourning the passing of their mother, Marla Parker, on April 7
- **Don Olson and family**, mourning the passing of his nephew, Merrill Milson, on April 4
- **Eloise Nelson**, moved to Brandel Care Center due to recent health decline
- **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: **Rosalie**, recuperating after breaking her arm, and **Ronald**, struggling with a chronic lung condition
- **residents of Hualien, Taiwan**, affected by the recent earthquake

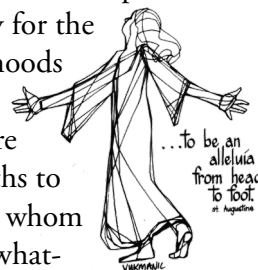
Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need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

We welcome our very own Tony Pizarro to the pulpit this morning. Tony is working on his DMin at North Park Theological Seminary, and preaching today is part of that program. He would love your feedback, using [this form](#). There is a basket in the narthex for those who attend in person to put them in at the end of the service. Those who worship online may fill them out and email them to copastors@npcovenant.org by noon on Wednesday, April 24. Your comments may be anonymous. Thank you!

We will hold a town hall meeting following worship today to discuss a Youth Ministry proposal for the 2024-2025 year. All are welcome to attend this meeting, and no vote will take place today. A light lunch will also be served. Those who wish to log in via Zoom may [use this link](#).

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.

We will hold the second part of this year's Annual Congregational Meeting on April 28 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. Please join in this important work of discerning our next steps!

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, contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

On Saturday, April 27, from 9 am to 3 pm, we are hosting a Mental Health First Aid training session. This course is designed to equip participants with skills to recognize risk factors, identify warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, and learn effective strategies to assist individuals in both crisis and non-crisis situations. By completing the training, participants will receive a certificate valid for three years. You can use [this link](#) to register. As volunteers serving in ministry capacities, we want to offer you the first chance to register for this training. Use the code MHFA24 to enroll for free. However, please note that space is limited, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible if you are interested! If you have any questions or trouble registering, feel free to reach out to [Jeanette Mott!](#)



North Park Church Cooperative Preschool invites you to their Third Annual Spring Fest fundraiser and 60th-anniversary Celebration! Join us for a bake sale, raffle, face painting, temporary tattoos, a photo booth, Kona Ice, and more! Come to the church parlors on Saturday, April 27, between 10 am and 1 pm. The cost is \$5/entry ticket and \$5/raffle ticket, or 5 for \$20. To learn more, click on the QR Code at the left. If you are willing to bake goodies for the bake sale, please let [Becky Edwards](#) know. Baked goods must be nut-free, packaged in \$5 amounts, and dropped off to the preschool/office by 3 pm on Friday, April 26. Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool!

We are looking for a childcare provider who won't be celebrating Mother's Day on May 12 to serve in the childcare room during the service. You would team up with one of our regulars, so no training is needed. Contact Christine Olfelt at olfelt@sbcglobal.net with questions, or sign up [using this sheet](#).

Treasurer's Update: Through March 31, 2024, General Fund offering is \$120,517 compared to \$162,500 year-to-date budget and compared to General Fund offering of \$140,058 through March 31, 2023.

Year-to-date expenses of \$191,784 exceed year-to-date income of \$148,506. The \$43,278 shortfall has been covered by undesignated reserves as we have paid our staff, utility bills, and other ministry expenses. Your generous gifts are so important as, together, we do the work of the church.

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 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 Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, April 22

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 23

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
5:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Gym, Parlors)
7 pm	Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

Wednesday, April 24

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 25

1 pm	NPCCP SpringFest Set-up (Parlors)
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Friday, April 26

1 pm	NPCCP SpringFest Set-up (Parlors)
1 pm	Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)

Saturday, April 27

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
9 am	Mental Health First Aid Training (Large Conference Room)
9 am	NPCCP SpringFest Fundraiser (Parlors)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
4 pm	Reed Group Piano Lesson (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 28

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	Congregational Meeting - Part II (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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