



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

MAY 5, 2024
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PRELUDE

Danse sacrée
Claude Debussy
Ayden Hunt, Harp
Amy Wurtz, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP 828, with sung response

Psalm 98

* OPENING HYMN 3

Earth and All Stars!

* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Psalm and Alleluia
Marvin Curtis
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Come, let us raise a joyful noise to the Lord,
a shout of triumph to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving
and sing Him a song of triumph.
For the Lord is a great God and a great King over all gods,
a great King above all gods.
The farthest places of the earth are in His hands,
and the folds of the hills are His, the sea is His.
And He made it, the dry land fashioned by His hands.
Come, let us throw ourselves at His feet in homage.
Let us kneel before the Lord, who made us,
for we are His people, we the flock He shepherds.
You shall know His power today if you listen to His voice.
Alleluia.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jack Surridge, Reader

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing in the Meal

Communion Music

Be Still, My Soul

Faye López

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Lloyd Larson

Sunwoo Lee, Piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CONGREGATIONAL SONG AND PRAYER TREE

Goodness of God

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash,

Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

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Sunwoo Lee, Jeanette Mottl, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

*All are invited to write their prayers on the paper leaves provided
and bring them forward to place on the prayer tree during the congregational song.*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Sound the Trumpet

Henry Purcell

Caitlin Hunt Brody, Soprano

Eva Brody, Soprano

Sunwoo Lee, Piano

Sound the trumpet till around
you make the list'ning shores rebound.
On the sprightly hautboy play
all the instruments of joy
that skillful numbers can employ,
to celebrate the glories of this day.

* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 3

He Lives

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 586

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Peace Be unto You

Lee Burswold

Bonnie Pfeiffelman and Ann Marie Strom, Handbells

Peace be unto you from Jesus Christ.
Peace from the first begotten of the dead
and the prince of the kings of the earth.
Unto him that loved us and washed us in his own blood,
and hath saved us from our sins,
and hath made us kings and priests unto God.
Grace be unto you.
Peace be unto you from Jesus Christ.

POSTLUDE

If God Himself Be for Me
Dale Wood

** 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.

Psalm 98

RESPONSE



God has done mar - vel-ous things: I too will praise him with a new song!

I ¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

II ²The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
³He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

RESPONSE

I ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

II ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
⁸Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
⁹**at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.**
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

RESPONSE

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Music: David N. Johnson, ©1968 Augsburg Fortress

Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Come, rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Come, blow - ing snow - storms! Sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud, clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud, pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the

Lord a new song! O vic - to - ry! Or - der from
 Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees! Soft rus - tling
 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Low hum - ming
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams! Strong build - ing

Refrain

cha - os! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

mar - vel - ous things. We too will praise him with a new song!

Goodness of God

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



I love You, Lord
(I love Your voice.)

Oh, Your mer - cy ne - ver fails
You have led me through the fi -



me. All my days I've been held in Your hands
re. In dark - est night You are close like no oth -



er. From the mo - ment that I wake up un - till I lay
I've known You as a fa - ther, I've known You as



my head I will sing of the good - ness of God.
a friend I have lived in the good - ness of God.



All my life You have been faith - ful. All my life You have been so,



so good. With ev - 'ry breath that I am a - ble I will sing

Last time to Coda C

1.

2.



of the good - ness

of God.

2. I love Your voice.

20

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.

22

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. With my life

24

laid down, I'm sur - ren - dered now; I give You ev - 'ry-thing.

26

1.

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.

28

2.

D.S. al Coda

run - ning af - ter me.

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I will sing of the good - ness of God.

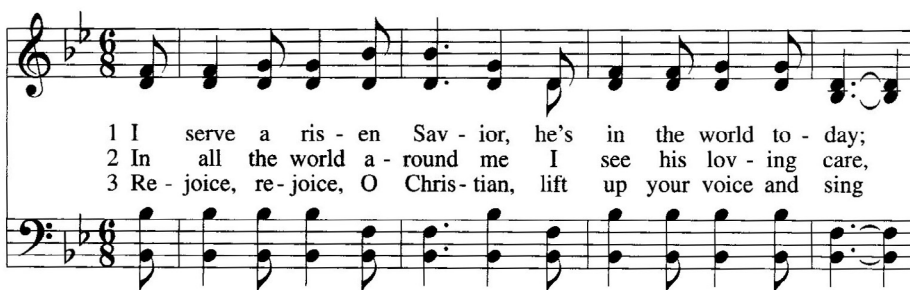
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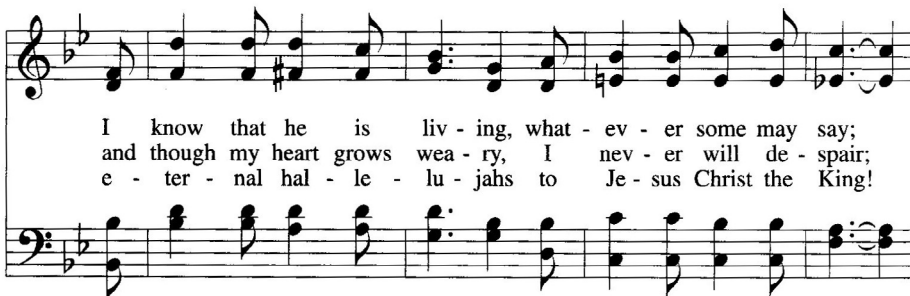
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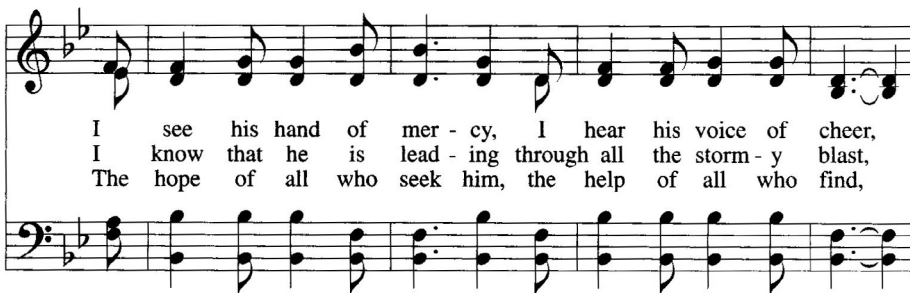
He Lives



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!



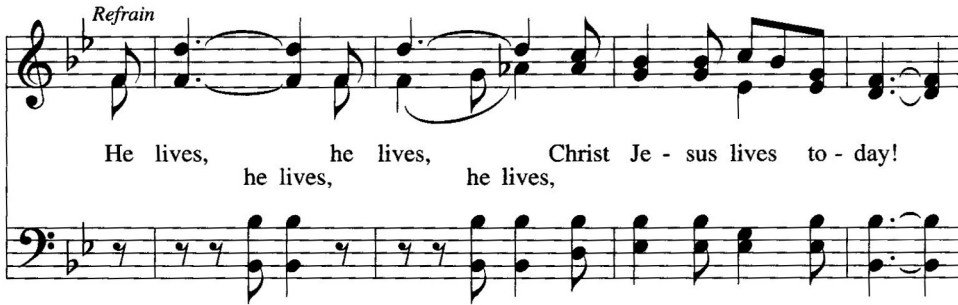
I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,



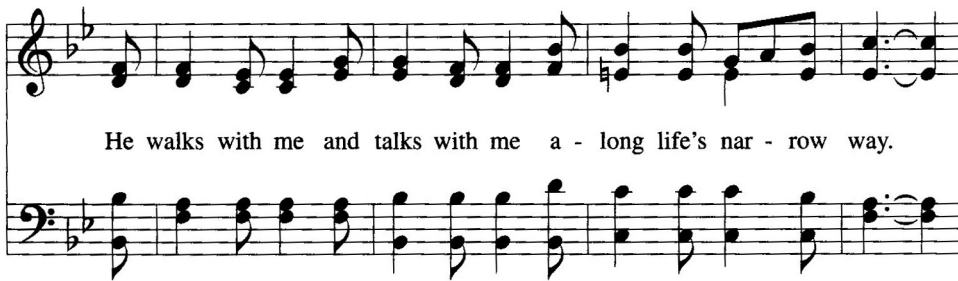
and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

EASTER: RESURRECTION

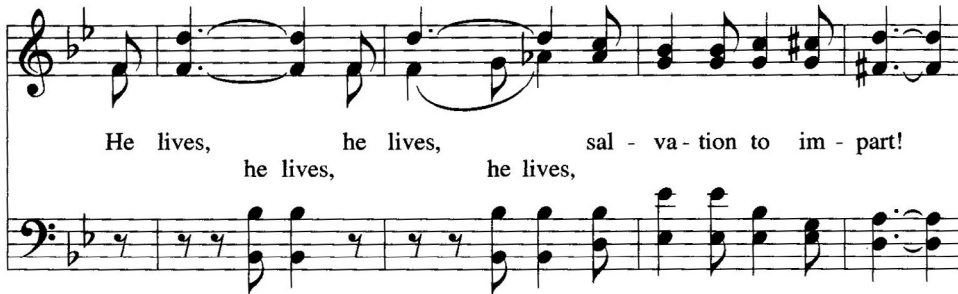
Refrain



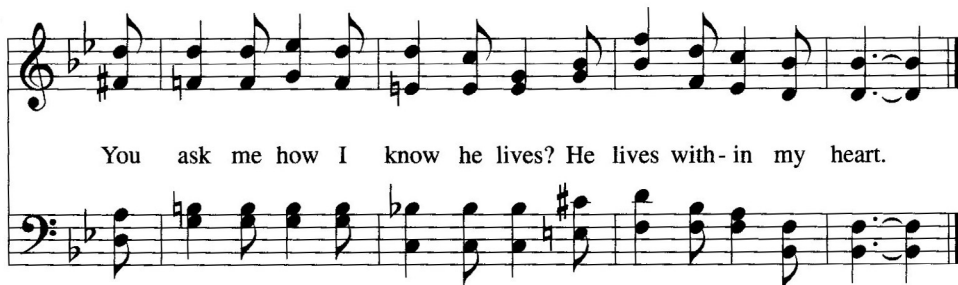
He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
he lives, he lives,



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.

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

1 Je - sus, Lord, we look to thee, let us in thy name a - gree;
 2 Let us for each oth - er care, each the oth - er's bur - den bear,
 3 Clos - er knit to thee, our Head, nour - ish us, O Christ, and feed;

show thy - self the Prince of peace, bid our strife for - ev - er cease.
 to thy Church the pat - tern give, show how true be - liev - ers live.
 let us dai - ly grace re - ceive, more and more in Je - sus live.

Make us of one heart and mind, gra - cious, full of pit - y, kind,
 Free from an - ger and from pride, let us thus in God a - bide,
 Fill us with the Fa - ther's love, nev - er from our souls re - move;

low - ly, meek, in thought and word, al - to - geth - er like our Lord.
 all the depths of love ex - press, all the heights of ho - li - ness.
 dwell in us, and we shall be thine through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **LeRoy Nelson and family**, mourning the passing of Eloise on May 1
- Dorothy Schmidt's nephew **Jeff Kohn**, diagnosed with leukemia
- **Tim, Gabe, and Chloe Johnson**, mourning the passing of Kari on April 20
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, recuperating after painful surgery last week
- **Janice Kelly**, as Tom continues to decline
- **Heather and Katie Parker**, as they mourn the passing of their mother, Marla, on April 7
- **Paul and Sheryl Noren**, missionaries in Congo, returning to the U.S. upon retirement in July and in need of a car
- **Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp**, assessing damages after a hail storm ravaged buildings on their property this past weekend

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.

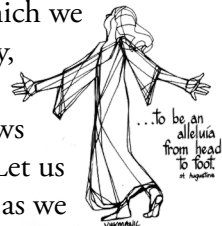


Vacation Bible School registration begins tomorrow! Children in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to Set Sail with us over the week of June 10-14 for a time of fun as they learn about our God who loves them so very much. Children must be potty-trained. Anyone entering 6th grade and older is welcome on staff! In addition, help is needed! To register your child/ren or to sign up to be a volunteer, please use the QR Code at the left.

Bruce and Ann Marie Strom invite you to join their family and friends in the parlors after church on Sunday, May 12, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary!

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Throughout this calendar year, we have been focused on using our whole selves as we pray for the communities in which we live. For the month of May, we will focus on using our feet to share the Good News of Christ with the world. Let us put our prayer into action as we strive to be the messengers of hope and peace and grace to all those with whom we come in contact. May we love in word and deed!



And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

- Romans 10:15

Registration for our two Central Conference summer camps, Covenant Point (Iron River, MI) and Covenant Harbor (Lake Geneva, WI), is 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 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!

Both of our camps are hiring, and there are still spots open for campers! Check out www.cpbcc.com and covenantharbor.org/ to learn more!

Wedding Coordinator Needed: Paula Schuetz is stepping down as our wedding coordinator after 22 years, and we are grateful to her for her years of service! However, this means that we need someone to serve as coordinator for the wedding of Emma Manning and Christian Ochoa on Saturday, July 13, as the church staff works to determine the future of this position. Responsibilities include meeting with the couple ahead of time to discuss wedding details and arranging and attending the rehearsal and wedding ceremony, at which this person would be available to the couple and the bridal party during preparations and throughout the service. If you have questions about this and/or are interested, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the church office.

Bible Journaling each Sunday through May 19: 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. After May 19, we will take a break over the summer months.

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!

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 at <https://tinyurl.com/volunteer-sunday>

Mayfestiversary returns over Memorial Day Weekend 2024! Begyle Brewing and Dovetail Brewery are hosting their annual spring party on May 25 and 26 to welcome back Chicago's best season and the 9th anniversary of Dovetail Brewery—join in to help reach 2 million meals donated to The Friendship Center! A suggested \$5 gate donation helps provide 40 meals to neighbors facing hunger. More details about event location and times, food vendors, and bands at mayfestiversary.com.

Additionally, The Friendship Center is looking for volunteers to help run the gates. To sign up, [please click here](#).

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

- 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)

Wednesday, May 8

- 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, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12 - Ascension 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)
- 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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