



**NORTH PARK**  
**COVENANT CHURCH**

AUGUST 25, 2024  
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PRELUDE

Spirit Medley  
arr. Mark Hayes  
Sam Parnin, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

\* CALL TO WORSHIP 821, with sung response

Psalm 84

\* OPENING HYMN 339

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

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

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Anders Johnson, Reader

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

\* Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Grace Flows Down

David E. Bell, Louie Giglio, Rod Padgett  
2000 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by Jeff Hunter, Anders Johnson,  
Jeanette Mottl, Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Is Amazing Grace

Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham

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## 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](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

O Welt ich Muss Dich Lassen  
Johannes Brahms

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 594

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bourée and Finale  
George Frideric Handel  
Brian Ward, Organ

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

*Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.  
In addition, 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 84

## RESPONSE



How love-ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place.

- I <sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;  
 my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- II <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
 where she may lay her young, at your altars,  
 O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

## RESPONSE

- III <sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
 in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
<sup>6</sup>As they go through the valley of Baca  
 they make it a place of springs;  
 the early rain also covers it with pools.  
<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength;  
 the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- I <sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
 give ear, O God of Jacob!  
<sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, O God;  
 look on the face of your anointed.

## RESPONSE

- II <sup>10</sup>For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
 than live in the tents of wickedness.
- III <sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
 he bestows favor and honor.  
 No good thing does the LORD withhold  
 from those who walk uprightly.
- ALL <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

## RESPONSE

## How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

339

*In unison*

1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place,  
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day  
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;

my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.  
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.  
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.

The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;  
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord  
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,

and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.  
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.  
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

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 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopsop, 1933-, © 1983 Hope Publishing Company

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 MERLE'S TUNE

Alternate tune: BLOMSTERTID, 94

## 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*

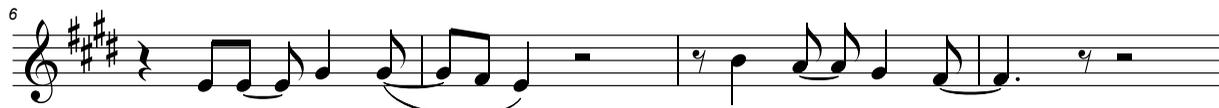
# Grace Flows Down

David E. Bell, Louie Giglio, Rod Padgett



A - maz - ing grace

How sweet the sound



A - maz - ing love

now flow - ing down



From hands and feet

that were nailed to the tree



as grace

flows

down

and

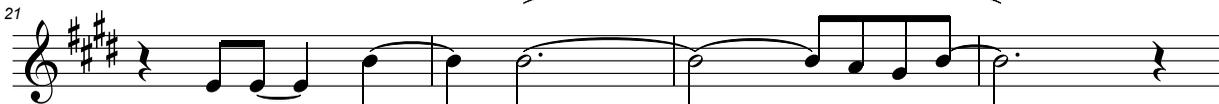
co - vers

me



It co - vers

me



It co - vers

me



It co - vers me

and co - vers me

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures

here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host;

praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit  
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeinguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,  
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,  
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

## 594 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and  
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

mem - ber am, let the world de -

of our God; he whose Word can - not be  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and  
 fire ap - pear, for a glo - ry and a  
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or

ride, I will glo - ry in your name.

bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.  
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
 cov - 'ring, show - ing, that the Lord is near!  
 pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.

CHURCH AND LIFE TOGETHER

Fad - ing are the plea - sures, bloat - ed

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and  
 Fad - ing are the world's best plea - sures, all its bloat - ed

pomp and show; sol - id joys and

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the Lord, the  
 shad by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 pomp and show; sol - id joys and last - ing

trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
 giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which God gives them on their way.  
 trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!* *We're glad you're here.*

## *For your prayers this week:*

- **Terri Njaa**, in a skilled nursing facility in Lake Geneva, WI, for a time to regain strength after experiencing some health issues
- Art Thorson's nephew, **Matthew Carlson**, in need of a new kidney
- Terri Njaa and Sig Hulburt's sister, **Ingrid "Inky" Newlin**, hospitalized in Milwaukee and losing strength
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, diagnosed with colon cancer in addition to recuperating after a heart attack
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, home again after another hospitalization
- **Elizabeth Petersen**, recuperating after a fall in her home and improving each day
- **Tim Johnson and family**, as his brother, Darryl, is now on hospice in Seattle

## **Welcome to North Park Covenant Church!**



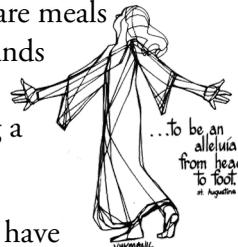
If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code at the left to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

**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 North Park University Art Department invites you to remember the life and artwork of Kari Lindholm-Johnson** BA'20 through a memorial exhibition to take place August 26 - September 26 in the Carlson Tower Gallery on the NPU campus. The gallery is free and open to the public, Monday-Friday, 9 am to 9 pm. Then, on September 3, at 4:30 pm, an opening reception for this memorial exhibition will be held.

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

We use our hands to show love and care in so many ways. Our hands hold the hands of another. Our hands prepare meals for those we love. Our hands are used to act on behalf of another; from mowing a yard to making a bed.



Throughout this year, we have been utilizing our whole bodies to actively and intentionally lift our communities up in prayer. For the month of August, we are invited to use our hands to pray for our neighbors. Maybe our hands will be folded in prayer for those we know well and those we do not know. Maybe we will use our hands to help a neighbor, allowing them to see God's love in action. Whatever the case, let us actively use our hands for God's glory and for our neighbors' good.

*Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands! - Psalm 90:17*



**Join us on Sunday, September 8, for our Fall Celebration Sunday!** We'll start the day at 10:30 am with outdoor worship (weather permitting), followed by a block party and ministry fair! Come enjoy a taco bar lunch, a bounce water house, fresh root beer straight from the keg, and lots of fellowship and fun!

Members and friends with last names beginning with:

A-N, please bring a dessert to share

O-Z, please bring a salad to share

Invite your neighbors and friends! All are welcome!

As part of this year's Fall Celebration, we will again enjoy a Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity for lay leadership groups to share with both the congregation and its visitors about what individual boards, committees, and groups do, as well as how people might go about volunteering and/or getting involved. We are going to try something a bit different this year, though, and offer a digital means by which friends can demonstrate an interest in helping/serving/volunteering.

If you are part of a board or committee and/or are the point person for a particular ministry, please read further:

A. We are going to create a Google form people can fill out, checking boxes for the ministries/events they're interested in (childcare/coffee serving/trustee workday/communion serving/helping with block party, etc.). A flyer with a QR code for the form will be in the bulletin that day. Names of interested people will then be sent to the appropriate board/committee/point person by Libby or Jeff. The form will include ministry opportunities and events for the whole church. *Individual boards and committees and point people, PLEASE send to Pastor Libby any volunteer opportunities you want listed in that document no later than Tuesday, September 3.*

B. If your board/committee would still like to create a display board or physical sign-up sheet, they are welcome to display those on the 8th, as well—we will have tables available. Please come with your materials ready to go!

**Save the date to save lives!** On September 21, from 10 am to 2 pm, we will host a blood drive through [Versiti](#). Appointments are strongly encouraged, so [please click here to sign up](#). Every donation is needed to meet the high demand from hospitals in your community. You can make a difference. We hope to see you there!

**Swedish Hospital Foundation will be hosting its [annual benefit gala](#)** on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the Hilton Chicago. Proceeds from the 2024 gala will be directed to Swedish Hospital's mission-driven programs that partner with the community in treating patients affected by food insecurity, intimate partner violence, and mental health needs. We invite you to join us by making a sponsorship gift or purchasing a ticket. To purchase a ticket and/or to sponsor the gala, [please click here](#).

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, September 1:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## The Church Calendar This Week

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*The calendar is available online at [www.npcovenant.org/calendar](http://www.npcovenant.org/calendar) and is updated as changes occur.*

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### *Monday, August 26*

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, August 27*

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

### *Thursday, August 29*

- 8 am East Wall Project Progress Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### *Saturday, August 31*

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

### *Sunday, September 1*

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

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