

MARCH 2, 2025  
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PRELUDE

All My Sins Have Been Forgiven (359)  
arr. Don Hustad  
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter



\* CALL TO WORSHIP 829 with sung response

Psalm 99

\* OPENING HYMN 58

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

\* PRAYER OF 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

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Dave Holmes, Reader

New Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

\* Gospel Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

The Word of the Lord.

Luke 9:28-36

**Thanks be to God.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

He Is

David Crowder, Hank Bentley, Jeff Pardo

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Led by Andrew Berg, Kristen Hunter, AndersJohnson,  
Robert Johnson, Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (35)

David Cherwien

Chancel Choir and Children's Ensemble,

Brian Ward, Director

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*All who believe in Christ and desire to live a life directed by the Holy Spirit  
are invited to participate in this sacrament. Gluten-free elements are available.*

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music

More Love to Thee, O Christ

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Variations on "Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

arr. Gregg Sewell

Brian Ward, Organ

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*O Store Gud* (How Great Thou Art) (8)

arr. Jerry Ray

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 209

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "To God Be the Glory" (72)

Joel Raney

*\* 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.*

## RESPONSE



Ex - alt the Lord and wor - ship him; the ho - ly one is our God.

I <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!  
**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

II <sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion;  
**he is exalted over all the peoples.**  
<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
**Holy is he!**  
<sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

ALL <sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.  
**Holy is he!**

## RESPONSE

I <sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
 Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
**They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**  
<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
**they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.**

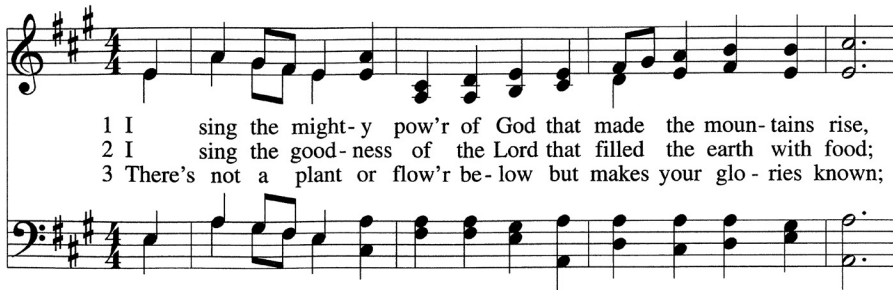
II <sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them;  
**you were a forgiving God to them,**  
**but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

ALL <sup>9</sup>Extol the LORD our God,  
 and worship at his holy mountain;  
**for the LORD our God is holy.**

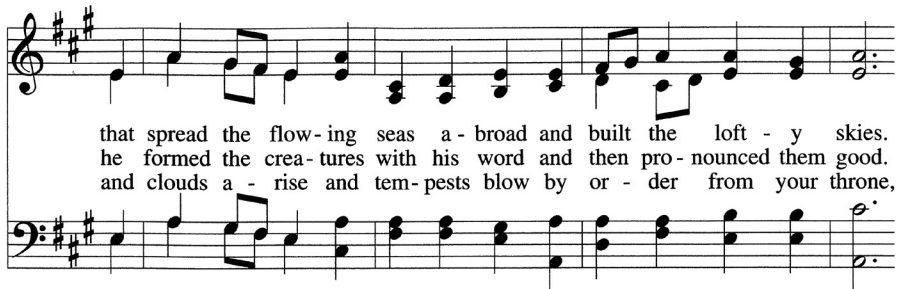
## RESPONSE

## I Sing the Mighty Power of God

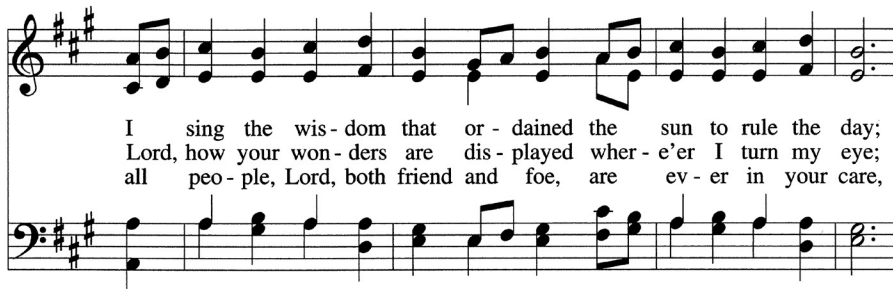
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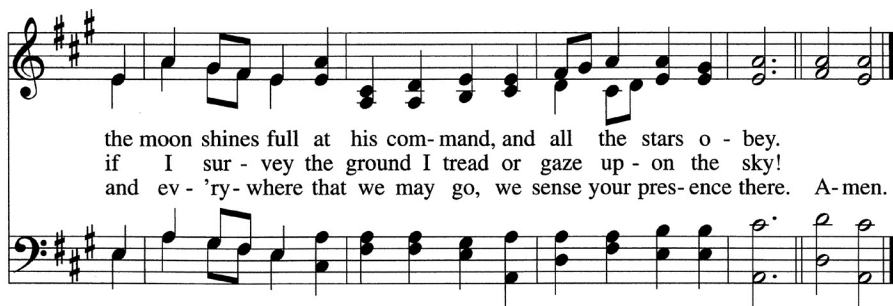
1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
 3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.  
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.  
 and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye;  
 all peo-ple, Lord, both friend and foe, are ev-er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!  
 and ev-'ry-where that we may go, we sense your pres-ence there. A-men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl.*, Württemberg, 1784

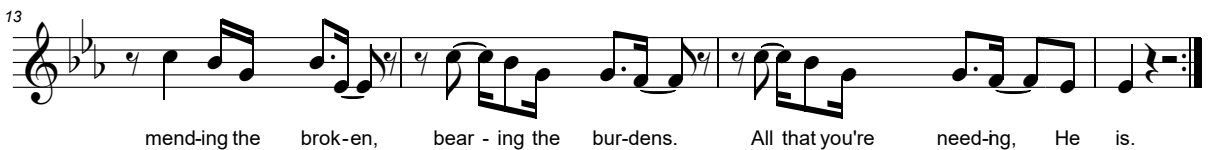
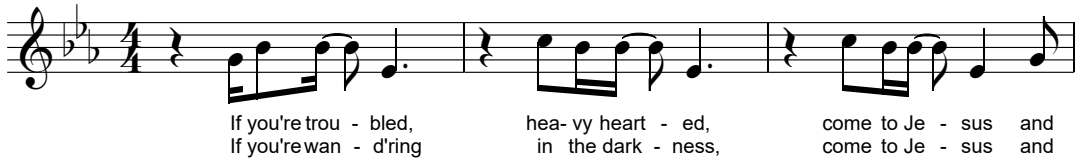
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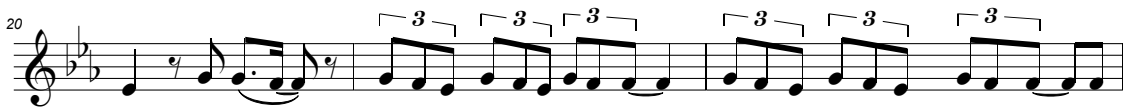
# He Is

David Crowder





Com-for-ter, Coun-se-lor, Prince of Peace, Author and Maker of ev'rything. De - fen-der, De-li-ver-er, King of Kings, He



is. He is Help-er and Heal-er for-ev-er-more. Sa-vior and Shel-ter through ev'ry storm. My



refuge, Re-deem-er, and Lord of Lords, He is. He is Child of Hea-ven and Son of Man, Pro -



vi-der, Pro-tec-tor, the Great I AM Alpha, O-me-ga, Be-gin-ning and End, He is. He is



hope for the hope - less, rest for the wear - y, help for the hurt - ing, He



is. He is men - ding the brok - en, bear- ing the bur - dens.



All that you're need-ing, He is. All that you're need-ing, He is.

# Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a more active line with eighth notes, and the bass staff uses chords and single notes to support the harmony.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a solid harmonic foundation with chords and single notes.



## Jesus on the Mountain Peak

1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came; God pro - claim - ing  
 4 Je - sus is the cho - sen One, liv - ing hope of

glo - ry . blaz - ing. Let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
 in its thun - der, Je - sus as the Son by name!  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, hear and heed him ev - 'ry - one;

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing: al - le - lu - ia!  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing: al - le - lu - ia!  
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der: al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing, with earth and all cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1936-, © 1975 Hope Publishing Company  
 MUSIC: Bradley P. Lehman, 1964-, © 1984 Bradley P. Lehman

7.8.7.8. with Alleluia  
 MOUNTAIN PEAK

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

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

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the west side of the 5200 block of N Kimball and the north side of the 3400 block of W Foster. *"We pray that God would unveil within our neighbors and ourselves the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods their and our innermost beings with his divine might and explosive power."* (Ephesians 3:16)
- **Christian Schuetz and family**, mourning the passing of his mother, Joan Schuetz, on February 25
- **family and friends of Joan Van Note**, who passed away on February 22
- **two of Brian Ward's students and their younger brother**, the older two of whom were injured and all of whose mother was killed in a domestic violence incident last weekend
- **Larry H. Knipp**, anticipating knee-replacement surgery on March 4
- **family and friends of LeRoy Johnson**, who passed away on February 8
- **Elizabeth Petersen**, transferred to a rehab facility for continued recuperation
- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating after eye surgery on February 13
- **Marcia Knudson**, former member here, undergoing chemo and radiation for lung cancer
- **Sandy Edstrom**, healing after breaking her foot
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, undergoing chemotherapy
- **western North Carolina**, still recovering from severe flooding caused by Hurricane Helene
- **residents of Los Angeles, California**, experiencing mudslides on the heels of devastating wildfires



**Welcome to North Park Covenant Church!** If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code 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.

**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.

**The March issue of *The Narthex***, our monthly newsletter, is available for pick-up in the narthex today. A digital copy was emailed out this past Friday. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the office, and she will happily add you to the list!

**Congregational Meeting Today:** Today, following worship, we will hold a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary to vote on the Building with Faithfulness tithe options that were pared down through an initial vote at the January 26 Congregational Annual Meeting.

**Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant church plant** that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

**We invite you to join us for an Ash Wednesday worship service** on March 5 at 7 pm in our sanctuary. During the service, we will share in the Lord's Supper and offer the imposition of ashes. Come, begin the journey to the cross.

**The congregation of Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico de Albany Park (4516 N Kedzie Ave) invites Spanish and English congregations alike** to gather together for a time of prayer and fasting on Saturday, March 8, from 8 am to 12 pm. "This Convocation for Prayer and Fasting will, I believe, strengthen our spiritual discernment, unity, resolve. To see our sister English speaking churches and pastors worshipping and praying with our Pacto Pastors will empower our heart for God as a unified church having a variety of congregational expressions. The heart of Christ in us rejoices." - Pastor Tomas

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, March 9:**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

**As we enter the Lenten season**, and as we do the hard work of preparing our hearts—of emptying ourselves and confessing what it means to be broken and human, loved and redeemed—we invite you to a series of evening Lenten services. We will hold them in the south chapel each Sunday evening in Lent, beginning at 6 pm. They will be contemplative in nature, relatively brief, and will end in communion each evening. The dates of the services are March 9, 16, 23, and 30, and April 6.

**NPCC may send three delegates** to the Celebration, the Central Conference Annual Meeting, on May 2-3 in Libertyville, IL, and to Gather, the denominational Annual Meeting, on June 26-28 in Orlando, FL, or remotely. If you would like to be a delegate, please contact a co-chair (Nancy Ebner or Susan Dawson) or a co-pastor.

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# 2025 Easter Memorials/Honoraria

You are invited to honor or memorialize a loved one, either with a flowering plant or a monetary gift. This year's donations will go toward our camping scholarship fund. Whether you choose one option or both, your name/s will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20. *The deadline to submit a form is Friday, March 21.*



- ☐ I/We would like to order \_\_\_\_ Easter plant/s at \$25/plant.  
☐ I/We would like to make a donation to support the camping fund.

☐ Check    ☐ Cash    ☐ Online

Amount paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: If paying online for a plant and making a donation, separate transactions must be done for each purpose, selecting Flowers or Camping Scholarships from the drop-down menu.*

***A paper form must be submitted to the office, regardless of payment method.***

Given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Your name/s, as you would like it/them listed in the bulletin:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place this form and your payment (if not paying online) in the offering plate or bring them to the church office. Thank you!*

## 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, March 3*

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 (Large Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, March 4*

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Wednesday, March 5*

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
6 pm	Gather Simple Supper (Parlors)
7 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### *Thursday, March 6*

8:30 am	Olfelt Chaplains' Retreat (Staff Conference Room)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### *Friday, March 7*

1 pm	Prayer Gathering (Edstrom Home)
4:30 pm	Mather Wrestling Team End-of-Season Party (Parlors)

### *Saturday, March 8*

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Sunday, March 9 - The First Sunday of Lent*

9 am	Intergenerational Sunday School and All-church Breakfast (Parlors)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
6 pm	Lenten Worship Service (South Chapel)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
	AA Meeting (Parlors)

## North Park Covenant

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Latin America

### 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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