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PRELUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion  
Fernando Ortega  
Robert Johnson, Baritone  
Ann-Marie Olson Frisk, Alto  
Anders Johnson, Bass Guitar  
Sam Parnin, Piano

Brian Ward, Cajon, Melodica, and Tenor

Prepare the way, O Zion! Your Christ is drawing near.

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet one who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ, who came in God's most holy name.

O Zion, he approaches, the Lord and King of all.

Cast palms where he advances, spread garment in his way.

God's promise fails us never, Hosanna sound forever!

O blest is Christ, who came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion, He comes from heav'n above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Life high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

O blest is Christ, who came in God's most holy name.

+ LITURGY OF THE PALMS +

\* READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40  
Lauren Wargaski, Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**His steadfast love endures forever!**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**Thanks be to you, O God, for you have answered me and become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing;**

it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;**

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen!**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 227

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

\* 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, forever. Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

No Rocks A-cryin'!

Rollo Dilworth

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Oh, clap your hands, all you lands.

Shout unto God with cries of joy. Praise the Lord!

For the Lord is worthy, He's worthy of the praise.

Oh, I don't want the rocks cryin' out for me!

Praise to the Lord most high, He's the King.

He will protect us from our foes. Praise His name!

Praise Him for His mercy. I'll praise Him for His grace.

Oh, I don't want the rocks cryin' out for me!

Sing praises to God, sing praise, sing praise to our King, sing praise.

No, no, no, no rocks a-cryin'! No rocks a-cryin' out for me!

I don't want the rocks cryin' out for me!

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

\* HYMN 229

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

+ LITURGY OF THE PASSION +

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Tony Pizarro and Lauren Wargaski, Readers

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

\* Gospel Reading

Luke 23:1-49

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith, and are themselves forgiving. In silence, let us call to mind our sins.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (382)

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus Christ died for our sins, not to satisfy an angry God but to reach out with unending love to stubborn and selfish people. We are those people. Let the power of those words sink into you, and be comforted. Your sins are forgiven!

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

1995 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by Anders Johnson, Robert Johnson, Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

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

There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil...

Ned Rorem

Sam Parnin, Organ

God Loved the World So That He Gave

\* Responsive Hymn 114, verse 1

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 234

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

\* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Valet will ich der geben*  
(I bid farewell to vain worldly joys)  
J.S. Bach

*Please remain seated for the postlude, pausing as the light of Christ is carried out  
and imagining how you might carry that light into the world this week.*

*\* 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.*

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

We invite you to join us for Holy Week, as we walk with Jesus to the cross, through his death, and on to resurrection.

*April 17 at 7 pm: Maundy Thursday*

All are invited to join us for a Maundy Thursday worship service, which will include the Lord's Supper and a chance to participate in the washing of feet.

*April 18 at 7 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae*

We invite you to return on Friday for a service of shadows, during which we will hear the story of Jesus' journey to the cross in Word and song.

*April 20: Easter Sunday*

9:15 am: All-church breakfast in the parlors

10:30 am: We join together in worship and praise of the risen Jesus!

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you Re - deem - er, King,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,  
 3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:

You are the king of Is - ra - el, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 the peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went,  
 as you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the praise we bring,

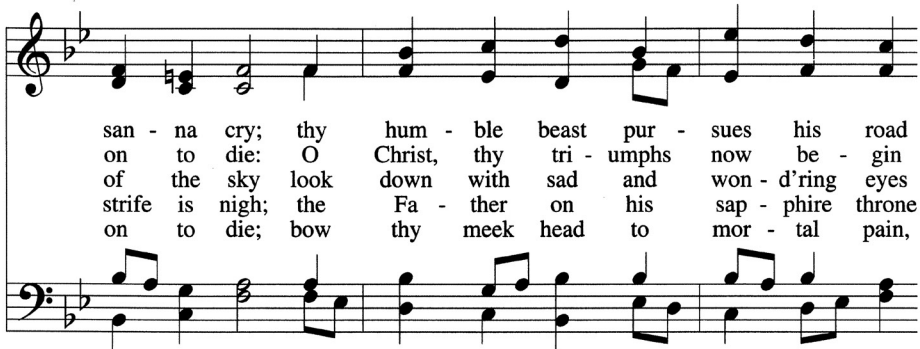
now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed one!  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King! A - men.

# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

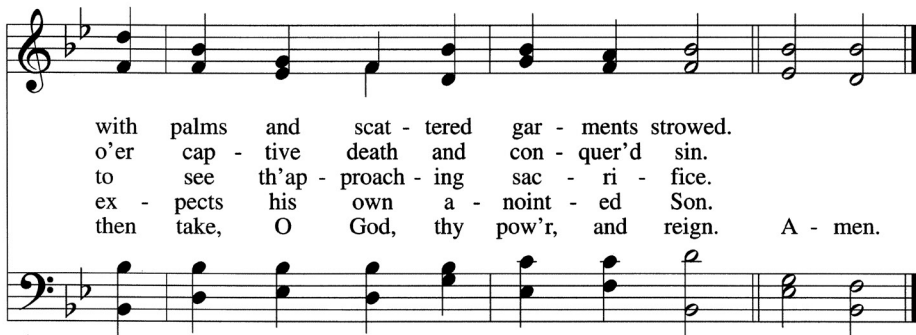
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1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel ar - mies  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and fierc - est  
 5 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride



san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road  
 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
 of the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes  
 strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne  
 on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain,

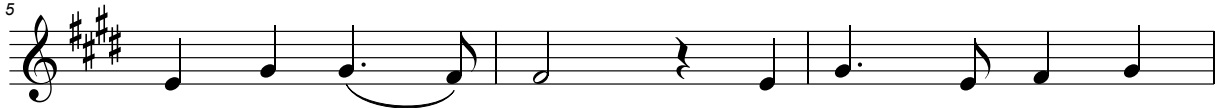


with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 o'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.  
 to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.  
 then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign. A - men.

# How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be -
2. Be - hold the Man u - pon a cross: my guilt u -
3. I will not boast in a - ny-thing: No gifts, no



yond all mea - sure that He would give His  
pon His shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my  
powl's, no wis - dom, but I will boast in



on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How  
mo-cking voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
Je - sus Christ: His death and re - sur-rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sea - ring loss; the Fa - ther  
was my sin that held Him there un - til it  
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not



turns His face a - way as wounds which mar the cho - sen One  
was ac-com - plished. His dy - ing breath has brought me life:  
give an an - swer, but this I know with all my heart:



bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
I know that it is fi - nished.  
His wounds have paid my ran - som.



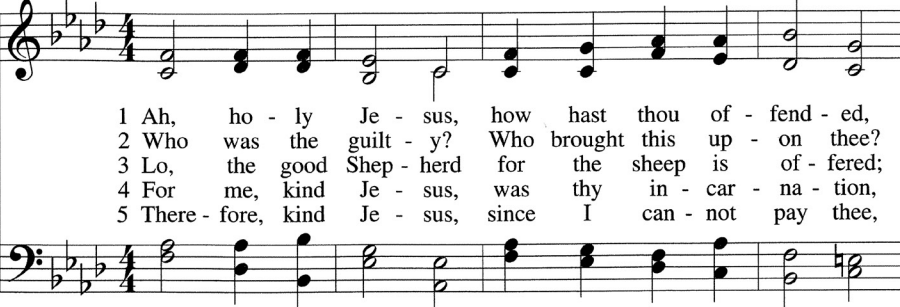
## 114 God Loved the World So That He Gave

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your  
 4 Glo - ry to God— the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

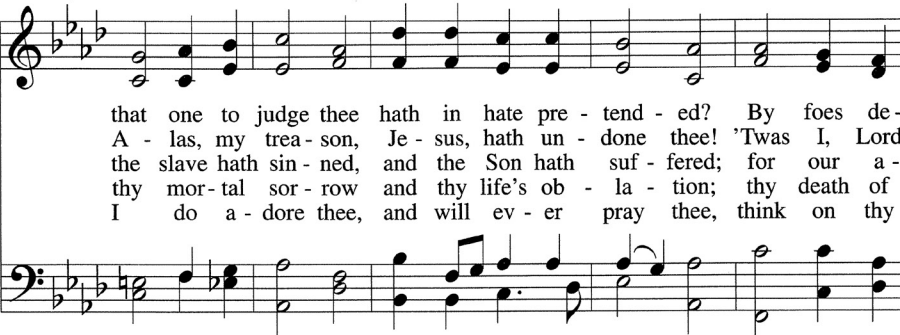
Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fer'd death; all that con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer; Christ Je - sus saves your  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 soul from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly! A - men.

# Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended 234



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
 3 Lo, the good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that one to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord  
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -  
 thy mor - tal sor - row and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of  
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee, I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion for my sal - va - tion.  
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing. A - men.

# *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 5300 block of N Sawyer; *"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)
- **those affected by the recent earthquake** in Myanmar
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, now in palliative care
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, recuperating after hip replacement surgery this past Monday
- Diane Haglund's sister, **Elaine**, experiencing both lung trouble and dementia
- **Erik Ward**, recuperating after breaking both of his forearms in a biking accident on March 21
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, awaiting results from a biopsy on new nodules on his thyroid as he continues with chemotherapy
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **Sandy Edstrom**, continuing to heal after breaking her foot
- **Sheryl and Paul Noren**, as they put retirement on hold to return to Congo



**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.

**Join us for a special coffee hour today!** Tony Pizarro has successfully defended his dissertation and will receive his DMin in Preaching degree on Saturday, May 10. We invite you to the parlors on the lower level after worship to enjoy a special coffee hour in his honor!

**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.

**April is National Poetry Month**, and the North Park Readers will be meeting on Tuesday, April 22, at 1 pm at Kay Olson's home in Northbrook. For carpooling information, please contact Helen Arkema at [helen.arkema@gmail.com](mailto:helen.arkema@gmail.com). The selections for the book club include: "Musical Tables" by Billy Collins, "Poetry for Kids" by Emily Dickinson, and "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" by T.S. Eliot. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Congregational Meeting April 27:** All are invited to join us for the second half of our Congregational Annual Meeting, directly following worship on Sunday, April 27. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the nominating committee's ballot for new board and committee members (the ballot is included on the next page). A light lunch will be served.

**A Way to Recycle Prescription Bottles:** Joel and Kim Delp, Serve Globally personnel serving in Ecuador, are collecting used prescription bottles for a Medical Caravan program that they lead in remote areas of Ecuador. If you have old prescription bottles with lids that you are willing to donate to their ministry, please rinse them out, remove the labels, and bring them to church with you! There is a collection bin in the narthex labeled "Prescription Bottles". We will get them where they need to be!

**NPCCP Invites you to Spring Fest!** Come to the parlors on Saturday, April 26, between 9 am and 12 pm and step into a world of nature, imagination, and adventure at Woodland Wonder, the NPCCP Spring Fest event designed just for little explorers!

What's in Store?

Make-Your-Own Binoculars – Craft the perfect explorer's tool and get ready for adventure!

Birds & Bugs Scavenger Hunt – Search for hidden forest friends and check them off your list!

Hoot & Hop Adventure Trail – Jump, balance, and flutter like woodland creatures in our movement obstacle course!

Draw a Garden – Join a collaborative art project to grow a beautiful paper garden together.

Story Hollow – Snuggle up and listen as parents bring nature-themed books to life.

PLUS:

Flavored Honey Tastings

Woodland-themed Snacks

Raffle & Bake Sale

**TICKETS:** Entry tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online or at the door. Raffle tickets can be purchased on site. If purchasing tickets online, [click here](#) and choose the NPCCP Fundraising fund. In the Memo, write, "Spring Fest Tickets" and your last name.

**BAKE SALE – Woodland Edition:** We plan to have a woodland-themed bake sale table! Think: acorn treats, mushroom cupcakes, forest critter cookies—let your creativity shine! Need ideas? We made [a Pinterest board full of sweet inspiration!](#) If you're able to donate a baked good item, please drop it off in the church office by 3 pm on Friday, April 25.

If you have questions or want to let us know you can donate a baked item, please email Becky Edwards, administrative director, at [preschool@npcovenant.org](mailto:preschool@npcovenant.org).

All proceeds from this event will support NPCCP and the students we serve! This event is for the whole community—current students, alums, neighbors and friends are welcome! Come ready to explore, create, and celebrate the wonder of spring!

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, April 20:**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Acts 10:34-43

Luke 24:1-12

# 2025 North Park Covenant Church

## Nominating Committee Ballot

### Officers

Treasurer

Garry Arkema - 1 year

### Boards (3-year terms)

Trustees

Nancy Bromley

David Frisk

Doug Nystrom

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Deacons

Les Carlstrom

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Community Concern

Janette Smith

Roderick Smith

Sue Vandervoort

Christian Formation

Bill Faude (one year)

Rebecca Rodriguez

Valerie Sanchez Lucco

### Committees (3-year terms)

Columbarium - None needed

Hospitality

Ann Boyd

Janice Kelly

Nancy Murakami

Joel Piotrowski

Human Resources

Kristen Starr

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Memorials

Sally Engebretson

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Missions

Lori Johnson

Sue Vandervoort

Mutual Ministry

Mary Chase-Ziolek

Joel Olfelt

Jack Surridge

Stewardship

Tony Pizarro

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## 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, April 14*

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 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, April 15*

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 8 am    | Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)  |
| 3:45 pm | Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)      |
| 4:30 pm | Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)      |
| 6 pm    | Cudahy Basketball (Gym)                           |
| 7 pm    | Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room) |

### *Wednesday, April 16*

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 6 pm    | Gather Dinner (Parlors)   |
| 6:30 pm | Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)<br>Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| 7 pm    | Knit or Not (Parlors)<br>Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)                            |
| 7:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  |

### *Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday*

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 3:45 pm | Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym) |
| 4:30 pm | Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 7 pm    | Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)  |

### *Friday, April 18 - Good Friday*

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 12:30 pm | NPCCP Parent/Teacher Conferences (Staff Conference Room) |
| 7 pm     | Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)                 |

### *Saturday, April 19*

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| 8 am     | Geezerball (Gym)        |
| 10:15 am | Cudahy Basketball (Gym) |

### *Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday*

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 9:15 am  | All-church Breakfast                                 |
| 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary)                                  |
| 1:30 pm  | Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors) |
| 7 pm     | AA Meeting (Parlors)                                 |

## North Park Covenant

### Church Staff

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## North Park Church

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### Missionaries We Support

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Letha Kerl,  
Regional Co-coordinator for Europe

Peter and Anna Kim, Taiwan

James and Rachel Ventress, Alaska

Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Regional Coordinators for 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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