



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Living in the Overflow
Charity Gayle, Desiree Sherman, Joshua Sherman,
Lara Landon, Steven Musso, The Emerging Sound
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Bill Faude



INTROIT

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Polish Carol

Words: Brian Wren

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder, all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Zayd Vestal

Psalms 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN 249

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

Nancy Ebner

CHORAL ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing
Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard: Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard: Alleluia!

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Sally Engebretson, Reader

Easter Season Acts Reading

Acts 5:27-32

New Testament Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

* Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeanette Mottl

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* THE APOSTLES' CREED 878

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

God So Loved

Andrew Berghold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

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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

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Eric Pfeiffelman

* Responsive Hymn 246, verses 1 and 2

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 262

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Crown Him With Many Crowns (264)

arr. Joel Raney

Sam Parnin, Organ

*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.*

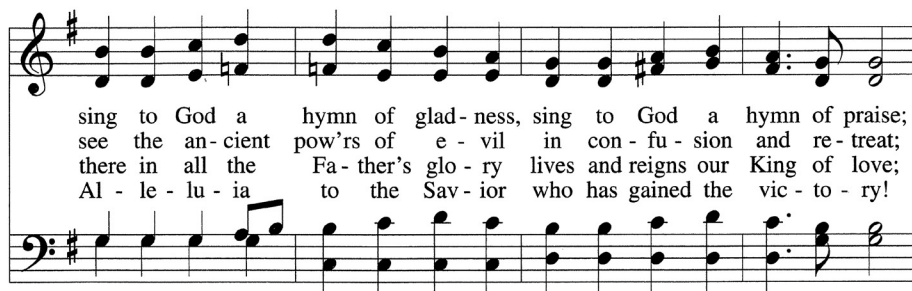
** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

*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.*

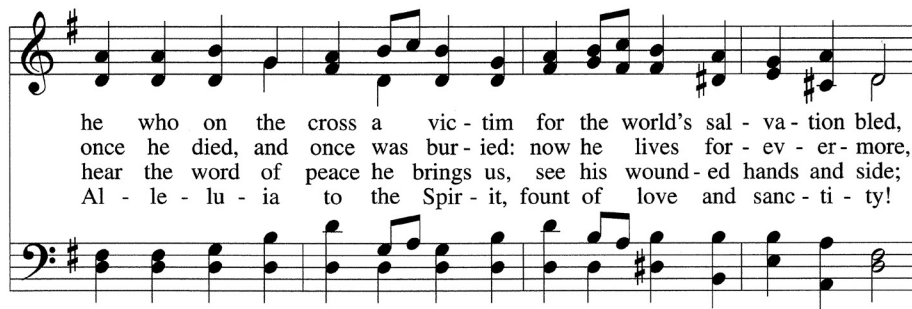
249 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 see the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry!



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 now let ev - 'ry wrong be end - ed, ev - 'ry sin be cru - ci - fied.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves, but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. In its present form, it is dated not later than the fourth century.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hades*;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit;
 the holy Christian[†] Church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Traditional

* some versions read "hell" †literally "catholic," or "universal"

God So Loved

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Come all you wea - ry Come all you thir - sty Come to the well that
Come all you sin - ners Come find His mer - cy Come to the ta - ble; He



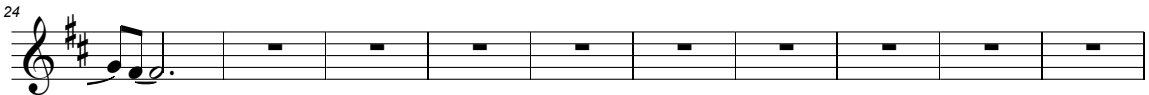
ne-ver runs dry. Drink of the wa - ter, come and thirst no more.
will sat - is - fy. Taste of His good-ness, find what you're look - ing for.



For God so loved the world that He gave us His



one and on - ly Son to save us; who - e - ver be - lieves in Him will live for - ev -



- er



Bring all your fail - ures, Bring your ad - dic - tions, Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

38

Je-sus is wait-ing there with o - pen arms. For

42

God so loved the world that He gave us His one and on - ly Son to save us; who-

46

e - ver be-lieves in Him will live for-ev - er. The

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pow'r of hell for - ev-er de-feat-ed. Now it is well, I'm walk-ing in free-dom for

54

God so loved, God so loved the world. Praise

58

God, Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise Him, Praise

63

Him for the won-ders of His love. Praise God, Praise God from

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whom all bles-sings flow. Praise Him, Praise Him for the won-ders of His love.

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For God so loved the world that He gave us His

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one and on - ly Son to save us; who - ev - er be-lieves in Him will live for-ev -

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- er. The pow'r of hell for - ev - er de-feat-ed. Now

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it is well, I'm walk-ing in free-dom; For God so loved, God so loved the world.

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Bring all your fail-ures, Bring your ad-dic-tions, Come lay them down at the

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foot of the cross. Je - sus is wait - ing. God so loved the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

246

Refrain (in unison) F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

F Dm Gm C F *Last time*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F/A Stanzas F Dm Bb C F

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: life for all
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

Dm Gm7 C D.C. F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.
 died and has ris - en.
 live for - ev - er.
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 sing to our Sav - ior.

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! 262

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia!

- 1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!
- 2 That night the'a - pos - tles met in fear;
- 3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
- 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
- 5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
- 6 How blest are they who have not seen,

The King of heav'n, the glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose
a - mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
how they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -
my hands, my feet, I show to thee; not faith - less, but be -
he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and
and yet whose faith has con - stant been, for they e - ter - nal

Fine

tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
with you here." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
ci - ple's word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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. Spaulding and the south side of the 3300 block of W. Balmoral; *"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)
- **Lauren Wargaski**, for energy as she undergoes radiation, and for her substitute teacher and students, that they connect well in her absence
- **Peter Strom**, recuperating after surgery on April 24 to repair a hiatal hernia
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating after another brain surgery to remove a benign tumor
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, now in palliative care
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **Sandy Edstrom**, continuing to heal after breaking her foot
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, recuperating after hip replacement surgery
- Diane Haglund's sister, **Elaine**, who lives in L.A. and is experiencing both lung trouble and dementia
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, whose results from his thyroid scan were inconclusive



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.

The May issue of *The Narthex*, our monthly newsletter, was emailed out this past Friday, and hard copies are available for pick-up in the narthex today.

Congregational Meeting After Worship Today: The second half of our Congregational Annual Meeting will take place after church today in the parlors. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the nominating committee's ballot for new board and committee members, to vote on some alternate terms for a couple of board members, and to revisit bylaw changes that were discussed at the first half of the Congregational Annual Meeting in January. A light lunch will be served. To join the meeting via Zoom, please [click here at the conclusion of the service](#). (Meeting ID 874 0135 1533)

Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant church plant that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. Today they will hold a *Dia del Niño* (Children's) service, to which all are invited. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

We invite you to join us at Gather this coming Wednesday, April 30, to hear an update on refugee resettlement from Exodus World Service's Jody May. Jody was with us in February for a Cross-cultural Training, and the Board of Community Concern is excited to welcome her back with us next week. If you're interested in coming, please make sure to RSVP for Gather by the end of the day on Monday.

Prescription Bottle Repurposing: Joel and Kim Delp, Serve Globally personnel serving in Ecuador, are collecting prescription bottles for a Medical Caravan program they lead in Ecuador. If you have old prescription bottles with lids you can donate, please rinse them out, remove the labels, and bring them to church and put them in the collection bin in the narthex. We will get them where they need to be!

The women of NPCC are invited to a Women's Brunch on Saturday, May 17, at 10 am in the church parlors. Join us for a time of good food and fabulous fellowship. Please RSVP by [adding your name to the form found here](#).

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, May 4:**

Acts 9:1-6

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Come Walk for Water! For several years, World Vision has sponsored a 6K Walk for Water to fund clean water projects around the world. The walk will take place on Saturday, May 17, this year. Unfortunately, Chicago does not have a sponsored walk this year, as it has in the past. But if you would like to walk 6 km (roughly 3¾ miles) or any part thereof to support the cause, [you can register as part of the NPCC team here](#). If you're unable to join the NPCC crew on May 17 but would still like to walk and raise funds, [you can register as an individual here](#). We'll meet in the south garden at church at 10:30 am and walk in the North Park neighborhood. Please contact Sue Vandervoort at suev307@sbcglobal.net or 773-769-1963 with any questions and to let her know that you plan to participate. Pray for a cool, dry day, put on some comfortable shoes, and have water bottles at the ready. It's an easy and fun way to help our neighbors around the world.

Vacation Bible School Is Coming! Mark your calendars for June 16-20, because VBS will be here before we know it! This year, we'll discover how Jesus invites us to Step Right Up to some marvelous and extraordinary things! We need lots of help to make VBS possible, so if you're interested in volunteering for all or some of the week, please let Jeanette know. Registration for students will open May 1, and [the list of needed supplies is available now](#).

Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC in 2025? Make this the year you hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two](#).

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, April 28

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 29

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)

Wednesday, April 30

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
6 pm	Gather Dinner: Special Guest Jody May (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Parlors)
	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 1

3:45 pm	Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 2

9 am	Peterson Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
1 pm	Prayer Gathering (Edstrom Home)

Saturday, May 3

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
6 pm	Senior Banquet (Parlors)

Sunday, May 4

9 am	Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
9:15 am	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
7 pm	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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