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PRELUDE

Paraphrase on “Thine Be the Glory”
Alexandre Guilmant
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter



INTROIT

If I Were a Butterfly
Brian Howard
Sunday School Children

* OPENING HYMN 426

God of the Ages

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sienna Berg

This is the day the Lord has made.

A day for praising God together.

A day for remembering the birth of the church.

A day for affirming promises.

We come to the font to be washed, to the family to be affirmed, to the table to be fed.

We come with you and stand beside you as members of one family.

Will you seek to relate to us not simply as children in the faith but as persons on the way?

With God's help, we will!

This, indeed, is the day the Lord has made!

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

Johanna Frisk

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dillan Rizzo

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

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Psalter Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23 - Eric Hoffman
Revelation 7:9-17 - Alexei Rodriguez
John 10:22-30 - Erik Ward

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Suelexia Rodriguez

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

arr. Brian Daniel Ward

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil, and my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Shepherd

Bart Millard, David Crowder, Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes

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Anders Johnson, Suelexia Rodriguez, Brian Ward, Erik Ward, and Ryan Wendt

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

House of God Forever

Jon Foreman

Linnea Applequist, Cello

Scott Applequist, Viola

Maria Ward, Vocals

Brian Ward, Vocals and Guitar

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Anna Wargaski

* Responsive Hymn 246, verses 1 and 2

* Prayer of Presentation

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmands

Eric Randall Hoffman

George David Tegegn Piotrowski

Alexei Ariel Rodriguez

Erik Steven Ward

Anna Elizabeth Wargaski

Address to the Congregation

Statements of Intent

* Apostles' Creed 878

Confession of Personal Faith

Prayers of Blessing

* CLOSING SONG

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

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* BENEDICTION

8th-grade Confirmands

Now to the one who can keep you from falling and set you
in the presence of his glory, jubilant and above reproach;
to the only God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, might and authority,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, before all time,
now, and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Because He Lives

arr. Sam Parnin

Dillan Rizzo, Trumpet

Sam Parnin, Piano

*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.*

God of the Ages

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In unison C Am Dm G Am/C G/B

1 God of the a - ges, his - to - ry's Mak - er,
 2 God of this morn - ing, glad - ly your chil - dren
 3 God of to - mor - row, strong o - ver - com - er,
 4 Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this morn - ing,

Am Em Am Em G

plan - ning our path - way, hold - ing us fast,
 wor - ship be - fore you, trust - ing - ly bow:
 princ - es of dark - ness own your com - mand:
 Lord of the fu - ture, help us, we pray:

C/E Am F C/E Am G

shap - ing in mer - cy all that con - cerns us:
 teach us to know you al - ways a - mong us,
 what then can harm us? We are your peo - ple,
 teach us to trust you, love and o - bey you,

C G/B Am G C

Fa - ther, we praise you, Lord of the past.
 qui - et - ly sov - 'reign — Lord of our now.
 now and for - ev - er kept by your hand.
 crown you each mo - ment, Lord of to - day.

WORDS: E. Margaret Clarkson, 1915-, © 1982 Hope Publishing Company
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody

10.9.10.9.
 BUNESSAN

An alternate harmonization can be found at 547.

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

Shepherd

David Crowder

The Lord, my por-tion I shall not want. The Lord, my com-fort
The Lord, my keep-er I stand se - cure. The Lord, my heal-er

I shall not fear. Yea, though I walk through the val-ley low, yea, though the path gets
Your love en - dures.

steep, Sure-ly good - ness will fol - low me, e-very pro - mise will be

Third time, back to "Surely goodness"

light to my feet. When my heart is prone to wan-der-ing, Je - sus, You shep-herd

1. me. 2. me, and I will dwell for all my days in the

shad - ow of Your re - lent - less grace. And I will dwell for

D.S. al Fine

all my days in Your pre - sence, Your pre - sence. Sure-ly

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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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 B♭ 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.

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.

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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"

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle



Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain Ho-ly, Ho-ly is He



Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heav-en's mer-cy seat



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly is the Lord God, al-migh-ty who was and is and is to come



with all cre-a-tion I sing Praise to the King of Kings You are my every-thing and I will a-dore You



Clothed in rain-bows of liv-ing co-lor Fla-shes of light-ning, rolls of thun-der



Bless-ing and hon-or strength and glo-ry and power be to You the on-ly wise King



Filled with won-der, awe-struck won-der at the men-tion of Your name

D.S. al Fine



Je-sus Your name is pow-er Breath and liv-ing wa-ter such a mar-velous my-ster-y

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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 Christian 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)
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, determined by his doctors to be cancer-free
- **Lynn Pearson**, recuperating at home after a stroke last Monday night
- **the Wheeling school district**, mourning the unexpected passing last week of one of their teachers
- **Dorothy Schmidt and family**, mourning the passing April 30 of her nephew, Jeff Kohn
- **Nancy Ebner**, as she continues to learn about herself and what she can give to God
- **Esther Hutt**, Bonnie Pfeiffelman's mother, diagnosed with interstitial lung disease and hospitalized due to a fall and complications with her breathing
- **Peter Strom**, recuperating after surgery on April 24 to repair a hiatal hernia
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, on palliative care
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating after surgery to remove a benign brain tumor
- **Elaine**, Diane Haglund's sister, experiencing lung trouble and dementia
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work



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) during 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.

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.

Come Walk for Water! For several years, World Vision has sponsored a 6K Walk for Water to fund clean water projects around the world. There won't be a local sponsored walk this year, so we have set up a team page. If you want to walk 6 km (roughly 3¾ miles) or any part thereof to support the cause, put Saturday, May 17, on your calendar and [register as part of the NPCC team here](#). We'll meet on the sanctuary steps at 10:30 am and walk in the North Park neighborhood. 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](#). Please contact Sue Vandervoort at suev307@sbcglobal.net or 773-769-1963 with any questions and to let her know 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.

Graduation Open House! Chloe Johnson and her family are celebrating her graduation from North Park University on May 10. You are invited to an open house on Saturday, May 17, at the Johnson home (5223 N Christiana) between 1 and 5 pm.

Vida Plena Covenant Church will hold a Spanish-language workshop on How to Manage Stress on Friday, May 23, at 6:45 pm in our church parlors. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please reach out to Rev. Sergio Gonzalez at 872-357-9080.

For the final book club meeting of the year, the North Park Readers have selected *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré. This is a coming-of-age novel about a 14-year-old Nigerian girl named Adunni, who is sold into marriage but longs to get an education so she can find her “lounding voice.” We will meet on Tuesday, May 27, at 1 pm at Jan Olson’s place in Northbrook. If you would like to carpool, please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com.

Peterson Elementary School is celebrating 100 years this year! The 100th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Saturday, May 31, from 10:30 am to 4 pm. There will be building tours, historic displays, and a chance to have lunch and connect with other alumni. Decade-by-decade pictures will also be taken. [Registration is required and can be done here.](#)

Vacation Bible School registration is now underway! 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! [Registration for students and volunteers is now open here.](#)

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](#). [A list of needed supplies is also available.](#)

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The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, May 12

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| 9:15 am | Women’s Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room) |
| 10:30 am | Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room) |
| 3:45 pm | Von Steuben Boys’ Basketball Practice (Gym) |
| 4 pm | Tutoring (Parlors) |
| 6:30 pm | Geezerball (Gym) |
| 7:30 pm | Centering Prayer (Large Conference Room) |

Tuesday, May 13

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)
5 pm	Bd of Comm Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting (Hybrid/Staff Conference Room)
	Board of Trustees Meeting (Large Conference Room)
7:30 pm	Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Parlors)

Wednesday, May 14

3:45 pm	Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Location TBD)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 15

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

Friday, May 16

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)
4:15 pm	Reed Group Piano Lesson (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 17

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10 am	NPCCP Open House (Preschool Classroom/South Garden)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
10:30 am	Walk for Water (Meet on Sanctuary Stairs)
1:30 pm	BravoStudio Recital Set-up (Sanctuary)
2 pm	BravoStudio Recital (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 18

9 am	Confirmation Starbucks Field Trip (Meet in Staff Conference Room)
9:15 am	Last Adult Formation of the Season (Parlors)
	Last Bible Journaling of the Season (Art Room)
	Last Sunday School of the Season for Preschool - 6th Grade (Jr Chapel)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
12 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
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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