



**NORTH PARK**  
COVENANT CHURCH

MAY 18, 2025  
+ THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER +

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PRELUDE

Love One Another  
C. Harry Causey  
Sam Parnin, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter



INTROIT

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (752, verses 1 and 3)  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheyenne Johnson  
from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**praise him in the heights!**  
Praise him, all his angels;  
**praise him, all his host!**  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
**praise him, all you shining stars!**  
Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**you sea monsters and all deeps.**  
Mountains and all hills,  
**fruit trees and all cedars!**  
Wild animals and all cattle,  
**creeping things and flying birds!**  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
**princes and all rulers of the earth!**  
Young men and women alike,  
**old and young together!**  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
**his glory is above earth and heaven.**  
**Praise the Lord!**

\* OPENING HYMN 47

Let the Whole Creation Cry

\* 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.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

New Testament Reading

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

JP DeNeui, Reader

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Tony Pizarro

CHORAL ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton

*Chorus:* Sing till the power of the Lord come down.

Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!

Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name! *Chorus*

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!

Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name! *Chorus*

Holy Jesus, praise His name! Oh, Hallelujah, praise His holy name.

Hallelujah, let us praise His name, Hallelujah, Lord, praise His holy name.

Praise His name, praise His holy name, praise His name.

Oh! Oh! Praise His holy name.

MESSAGE

Cheyenne Johnson

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood

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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

All Night, All Day (Angels Watchin' Over Me)

Traditional Spiritual

arr. Hart Morris

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

\* Responsive Hymn 246, verses 1 and 2

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 260

The Day of Resurrection

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Crown Him Lord of All

arr. Mary McDonald

*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.*

## Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Chris - tians striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with his Word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y King!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Those of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

## 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*

# King of Kings

Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram



In the dark - ness we were wait - ing with - out hope,  
To re - veal the King - dom com - ing and to re -



with - out light 'till from heav - en You came run - ning. There was mer -  
con - cile the lost to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion, You did not



- cy in Your eyes. To ful - fill the law and pro - phets to a vir -  
des - pise the cross for e - ven in Your suf - f'ring You saw to



- gin came the Word from a throne of end - less glo - ry to a cra -  
the o - ther side Know - ing this was our sal - va - tion Je - sus for



- dle in the dirt.  
our sake, You died.



Praise the Fa - ther, Praise the Son, Praise the Spir - it, three in one.

19

God of glo - ry, Ma - jes - ty. Praise for - e-ver to the King of

23

Kings. and the morn - ing that You rose aloof heav -

26

- en held its' breath Til that stone was moved for good for the lamb

28

had con - quered death. and the dead rose from their tombs, and the an -

30

- gels stood in awe for the souls of all who'd come to the Fa -

32

- ther are re - stored. and the Church of Christ was born Then the spir -

34

- it lit the flame Now this Gos - pel truth of old shall not kneel,



36

shall not fade. By His blood and in His name and in His free -

38

- dom I am free for the love of Je - sus Christ who has res -

40

- ur - rec - ted me

43

Praise the Fa - ther, Praise the Son. Praise the Spir - it, three in one.

47

God of glo - ry, Ma - jes - ty. Praise for - ever to the King of Kings.

51

Praise for - ever to the King of Kings.

## 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 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 Day of Resurrection!

260

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth to heav'n on high,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail," and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that has no end!

WORDS: John of Damascus, c.696-c.754, tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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 LANCASHIRE

A lower setting can be found at 429.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

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

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the east side of the 5300 block of N Kimball, the north side of the 3300 block of W Berwyn, 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)
- **loved ones of the young woman who died and the young man who was injured** in a fire on the 5200 block of Bernard last Tuesday, and for those whose home was destroyed
- **Lynn Pearson**, recuperating after experiencing a stroke on May 5
- **Lori Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of her brother-in-law, Robert Malcom, on May 8
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, now cancer free
- **the Wheeling school district**, mourning the unexpected passing of one of their teachers recently
- **Nancy Ebner**, as she continues to learn about herself and what she can give to God
- **Dorothy Schmidt and family**, mourning the passing of her nephew Jeff Kohn on April 30
- **Esther Hutt**, Bonnie Pfeiffelman's mother, transferred to a rehab/nursing facility for continuing care
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, on palliative care
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **Elaine**, Diane Haglund's sister, experiencing lung trouble and dementia



**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.

**Stay for a brief congregational meeting:** Directly following worship today, we will hold a brief meeting to vote on new member candidates. All are welcome to attend, but only members are allowed to vote.

**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.

**Do you have a graduate in your family?** We know of a fair number of students graduating this spring, but we don't want to miss anyone when we list them in the summer issue of *The Narthex*. Are you or is someone in your family graduating from 8th grade, high-school, college, or graduate school? If so, please send Ann-Marie their name and the school they're graduating from by the end of the day tomorrow.

**Knit or Knot continues!** Though our weekly Gather dinners are now on hiatus for the summer, the Knit or Knot group will continue to meet in the homes of the participants over the summer months. If you would like more information about this group, please [reach out to Judy Edstrom](#).

**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 “louding 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](mailto:helen.arkema@gmail.com).

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, May 25:**

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

John 14:23-29

**Vacation Bible School registration is 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.](#)

**Plan to attend a VBS meeting!** In preparation for the week of VBS, we ask that all volunteers attend one of two meetings to learn more about what that week will look like. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, at 7 pm, and the second will be on Thursday, June 12, also at 7 pm. Both meetings will take place in the church parlors and will last about an hour. Then, all volunteers are asked to attend a third meeting on Sunday, June 15, at 5 pm to help set up the various stations so they’ll be ready when the kids arrive on Monday morning.

**Join us for outdoor worship and a block party!** On Sunday, June 8, we will hold our 10:30 am worship service out in the south garden (weather permitting), followed by a block party on Christiana, complete with volleyball, a dunk tank, and cotton candy. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided, but we ask members and friends to bring either a side dish (last names beginning with A-N) or a dessert (last names beginning with O-Z) to share (enough for yourself/your family + 10). In case of inclement weather, we’ll move indoors to the sanctuary and parlors.

**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.](#)

## 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, May 19*

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 20*

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

### *Wednesday, May 21*

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
6 pm	Chancel Choir End-of-Year Party (Berg Home)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Location TBD)

### *Thursday, May 22*

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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### *Friday, May 23*

10:15 am	NPCCP Caterpillars End-of-Year Party (Gym)
1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)
2:15 pm	NPCCP Butterflies End-of-Year Party (Gym)
6:45 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Mental Health Workshop (Parlors)

### *Saturday, May 24*

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

### *Sunday, May 25 - Trinity Sunday*

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

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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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