



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

MAY 25, 2025
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PRELUDE

Carillon
Herbert Murrill
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter



INTROIT

He Has Done Marvelous Things
Traditional
Children's Vocal Ensemble, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Anders Johnson
from Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

* OPENING HYMN 61

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* 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.

Lisa Applequist, Reader

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

John 14:23-29

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Linnea Applequist

CHORAL ANTHEM

Here Is Water, Lord

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Here is water, Lord.

With this sign we show our heart, with this seal we're set apart.

Gentle Spirit, Holy Dove, bring Your blessing from above.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod?

Shall we gather at the river, with its crystal tide forever,
flowing from the throne of God?

Shall we gather at the river, the beautiful river?

Yes, we'll gather at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Here is water, Lord.

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Goodness of God

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ryan Wendt

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Voluntary on "Come Down, O Love Divine"

John G. Barr

Brian Ward, Organ

* Responsive Hymn 246, verses 1 and 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 608

God of Grace and God of Glory

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace (672)

Garry Arkema and Sam Parnin, Handbells
Children's Choir and Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

The Blessed Christ Is Risen Today

J.S. Bach

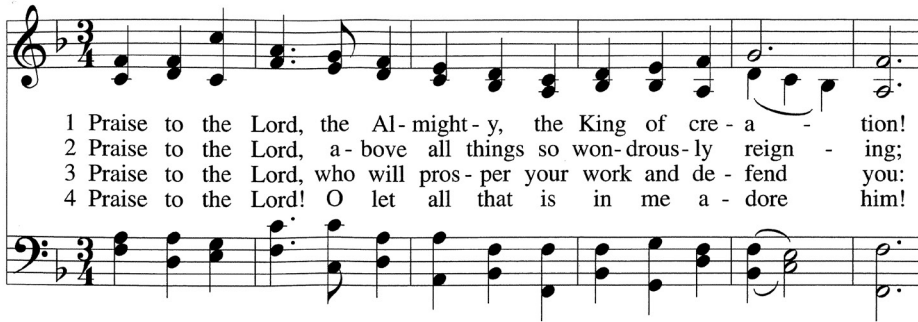
*Please remain seated for the postlude, pausing as the light of Christ is carried out
and imagining how you might carry that light into the world this week.*

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

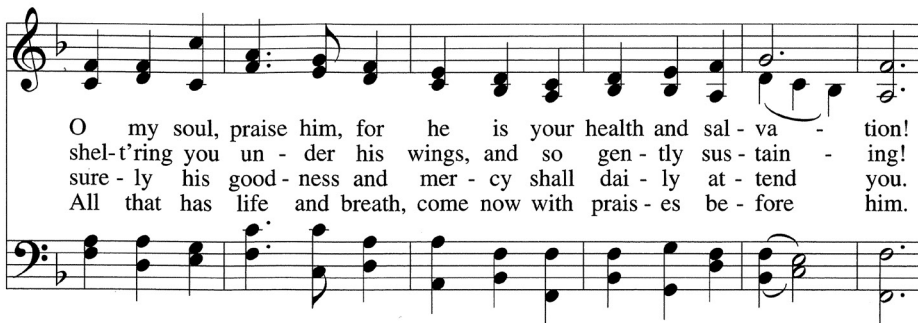
*Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.
In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen
in the box's drawer for your use.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

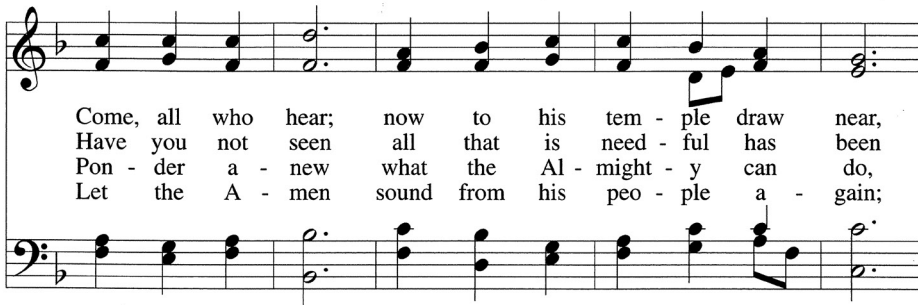
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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign-ing;
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you:
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-va-tion!
 shel-t'ring you un-der his wings, and so gen-tly sus-tain-ing!
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him.



Come, all who hear; now to his tem-ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need-ful has been
 Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do,
 Let the A-men sound from his peo-ple a-gain;



join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
 if with his love he be-friends you.
 glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him. A-men.

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

Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson

The musical score for 'Goodness of God' is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is accompanied by chords indicated by letters (A, D, E, F#m7, Esus, D9) and a final section with first and second endings. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The score includes measure numbers 4, 6, 8, 11, 14, and 17.

4 I love You, Lord Oh, Your mer-cy ne - ver fails
(I love Your voice.) You have led me through the fi-

me. All my days I've been held in Your hands
re. In dark - est night You are close like no oth -

er. From the mo - ment that I wake up un - till I lay
I've known You as a fa - ther, I've known You as

my head I will sing of the good - ness of God.
a friend I have lived in the good - ness of God.

All my life You have been faith - ful. All my life You have been so,

so good. With ev-'ry breath that I am a - ble I will sing

of the good - ness of God. 2. I love Your voice.

Last time to Coda Esus 1. A 2. A

20 $\text{A} \text{C}\sharp$ D9 Esus A

Your good-ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.

22 $\text{A} \text{C}\sharp$ D9 Esus A

Your good-ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. With my life

24 $\text{A} \text{C}\sharp$ D9 Esus A

laid down, I'm sur-ren - dered now; I give You ev - 'ry - thing.

26 $\text{A} \text{C}\sharp$ D9 Esus

Your good-ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.

28 A D.S. al Coda

30 $\text{F}\sharp\text{m}7$ D Esus A

I will sing of the good - ness of God.

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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 \flat 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*

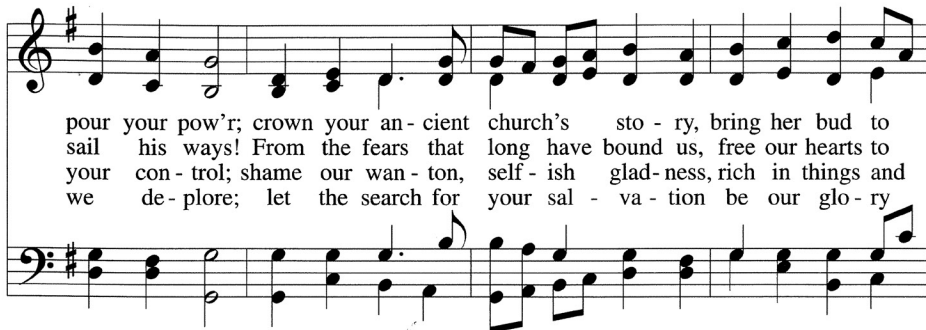
King of cre - a - tion. name.
 died and has ris - en.
 live for - ev - er.
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 sing to our Sav - ior.

God of Grace and God of Glory

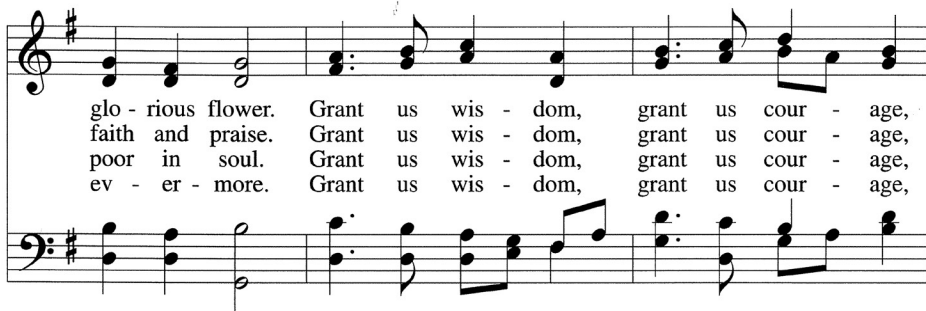
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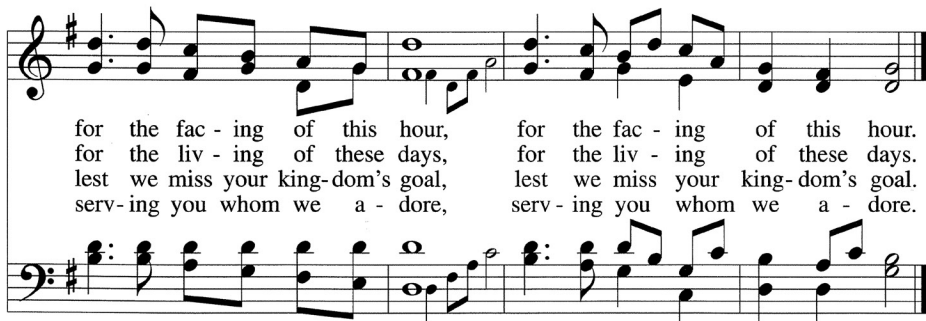
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil 'round us scorn your Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient church's sto - ry, bring her bud to
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry



glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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 Kimball and the south side of the 3400 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)
- **Jim Erickson and family**, mourning the passing of Shirley on May 12
- **Bonnie Pfeiffelman and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Esther Hutt, on May 22
- **Sandy Edstrom**, whose broken foot has healed, but who continues to struggle with the pain of sciatica
- **all those affected by a fire** that ravaged an apartment on the 5200 block of Bernard a couple of weeks ago, killing a young woman and injuring a young man
- **Lori Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of her brother-in-law, Robert Malcom, on May 8
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, miraculously cancer free
- **Dorothy Schmidt and family**, mourning the passing of her nephew Jeff Kohn on April 30
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, in palliative care
- **Elaine**, Diane Haglund's sister, experiencing both lung trouble and dementia
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **Anna and Peter Kim and family**, missionaries in Taiwan, as they finalize preparations to move to the U.S. for home assignment



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.

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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 27.

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.

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 take place on Tuesday, May 27, at 7 pm, and the second meeting will take place on Thursday, June 12, also at 7 pm. The meetings will take place in the church parlors. 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 outside 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.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, June 1:**

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC? We have opportunities to hang out with our littlest ones or help serve refreshments after worship! [Click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two.](#)

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 and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day - Office Closed

6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)

Tuesday, May 27

4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

7 pm VBS Meeting (Parlors)

Wednesday, May 28

10 am Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)

3:45 pm Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)

7 pm Knit or Not (Location TBD)

Thursday, May 29

4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 30

1 pm Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)

Saturday, May 31

8 am Geezerball (Gym)

10:15 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, June 1 - Ascension 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

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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