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PRELUDE

Toccata in Seven
John Rutter
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter



* CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 46 and Psalm 93
written by Joan Stott

Come, all God's people! Let us gather to praise our Mighty God!

With joy, we celebrate and give thanks for God's faithfulness.

Come, all God's people! Let us gather to sing to our Glorious God!

With joy, and with all creation, we celebrate the powers of our King.

Come, all God's people! Let us gather to worship and honor God!

With joy, we celebrate the wonderful deeds of our God and King,

and in reverent awe, we bow in worship and praise of our God. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN 4

God of Creation, All-Powerful

* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Christian Schuetz, Reader

Easter Season Acts Reading

Acts 1:1-11

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

* Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

SPECIAL MUSIC

Crown Him with Many Crowns
arr. Fernando Ortega
Robert Johnson, Baritone
Ann Boyd, Soprano
Ann-Marie Olson Frisk, Alto
Sam Parnin, Piano
Brian Ward, Guitar

MESSAGE

Jeanette Mottl

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Living in the Overflow
Charity Gayle, Desiree Sherman, Joshua Sherman,
Lara Landon, Steven Musso, The Emerging Sound
2017 Tent Peg Music (div. of New Nation Music [Admin. by Music Services, Inc.])
The Emerging Sound Publishing (div. of New Nation Music [Admin. by Music Services, Inc.])
Led by Andrew Berg, Kristen Hunter,
Anders Johnson, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Brown
Eric Hoffman
Janice Huber

Emily Kiltz
Riley Kiltz
Teg Piotrowski

Rebecca Rodriguez
Craig Tews
Erik Ward

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*All who believe in Christ and desire to live a life directed by the Holy Spirit
are invited to participate in this sacrament. Gluten-free elements are available.*

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music

Spirit Medley
Mark Hayes

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
arr. Tom Fettke
Brian Ward, Piano
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

* Responsive Hymn 246, verses 1 and 2

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 267

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Triumphs the Son of God
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.*

God of Creation, All-Powerful

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In unison

1 God of cre - a - tion, all - pow'r - ful, all - wise, Lord of the
 2 God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years you are the
 3 God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth, called out your
 4 God of your peo - ple, your Word still stands fast; do for us
 5 God of our now, all our trust is in you, cov - e - nant

u - ni - verse, rich with sur - prise, Mak - er, Sus - tain - er, and
 one in whom his - t'ry co - heres; na - tions and em - pires your
 church from the ends of the earth, still you are Sav - ior, put
 now as you've done in the past! Yours is the king - dom, your
 God, ev - er faith - ful and true; sov - reign Cre - a - tor, Re -

Rul - er of all, we are your chil - dren—you hear when we call.
 pur - pose ful - fill, mov - ing in free - dom, yet work - ing your will.
 dark - ness to flight; o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!
 tri - umph we claim, chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.
 deem - er, and Lord, now and for - ev - er your name be a - dored!

Living in the Overflow

Charity Gayle, Desiree Sherman, Joshua Sherman, Lara Landon, Steven Musso, and The Emerging Sound

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into systems, with line numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 13, and 17 marking the beginning of new systems. The lyrics are as follows:

I'm liv - ing in the o - ver - flow. I'm
God, You are the sov - ereign one. You've

cov - ered by Your love mov - ing with the Ho - ly Ghost. You're
giv - en us Your name We de - clare Your King - dom come; For -

more than e - nough. I'm walk - ing in Your free - dom now. I'm
e - ver You reign I'm liv - ing in the o - ver - flow The


cov - ered by Your grace Wit - ness - ing Your heal - ing power
bounds are now set free Ev - ery - where we go, we see


We have been changed. Bless the Lord, oh my soul. I am liv - ing in the
the vic - to - ry.

o - ver - flow. Bless the Lord, oh my soul. I am liv - ing in the

1. o - ver - flow. God, You are the 2. o - ver - flow. Oh, A maz - ing

21  God, Your spir - it falls, and now we

25  walk in mir - a - cles. Oh, A maz - ing

29 

33

walk in mir - a - cles. Bless the Lord,

37



oh my soul. I am liv-ing in the o-ver-flow. Bless the Lord,

41

The musical notation continues on a single staff. Measure 41 contains two eighth notes, G4 and F#4, followed by a quarter rest. Measure 42 contains four eighth notes, E4, D4, C4, and B3. Measure 43 contains a dotted half note, A3. Measure 44 contains a whole note, G3, followed by a double bar line.

oh my soul. I am liv-ing in the o-ver-flow.

44

I am liv - ing in the o - ver - flow.

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measure 44. It begins with a treble clef, followed by three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) indicating a key signature of B-flat major or D-flat minor. The melody starts with a quarter rest, then consists of eighth notes G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, and D5. After a bar line, there is a dotted half note G4, followed by eighth notes F4 and E4, and ending with a quarter rest. The lyrics "I am liv - ing in the o - over - flow." are written below the staff, with hyphens under "liv - ing" and "o - over -".

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 \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.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

In unison

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of heav - en,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus;

his the scep - ter, his the throne.
 are we left in sor - row now.
 here on earth our food, our stay.
 Lord om - nip - o - tent we own.
 his the scep - ter, his the throne.

Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph,
 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us;
 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful
 Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y,
 his the tri - umph

his the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 flee to you from day to day.
 earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne.
 his the vic - to - ry a - lone.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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 HYFRYDOL

An alternate harmonization can be found at 219, 350, 359, 374.

ASCENSION: EXALTATION

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
As with in the veil you en - tered,
Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on

thun - der like a might - y flood:
when the for - ty days were o'er,
earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
thun - der like a might - y flood:

"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion
shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise:
where the songs of all the sin - less
here on earth both priest and vic - tim
"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion

has re - deemed us by his blood."
"I am with you ev - er - more"?
sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
has re - deemed us by his blood."

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. Bernard; *"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)
- **Bonnie Pfeiffelman and family**, mourning the passing of her mom, Esther Hutt, on May 22
- **Jim Erickson and family**, mourning the passing of Shirley on May 12.
- **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 a second-story apartment on the 5200 block of Bernard Street on May 13, taking the life of a 19-year-old disabled 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, who is now, miraculously, cancer free
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, now in palliative care
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **Anna and Peter Kim and family**, missionaries in Taiwan, finalizing details and packing to move back to the States 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.

Today is a Benevolence Sunday. Members of the Deacon Board will be at the doors after the service to receive any donations to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community.

The summer issue of *The Narthex*, our monthly newsletter, is available for pick-up in the narthex and in the parlors today. The newsletter is now on hiatus for the summer months, but will return the fall.

This coming Thursday, June 5, is the deadline to register for Vacation Bible School! 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 Mottl know. [A list of needed supplies is also available.](#)

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.

Join us for outdoor worship and a block party! Next 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 8:**

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17

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 took place on Tuesday, May 27, at 7 pm. If you were not able to be at that meeting, please be sure to attend the second meeting on Thursday, June 12, also at 7 pm. The meeting 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.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15, following the 10:30 am service. The agenda has two items: a vote on membership for Eric Hoffman, whose name was inadvertently left off the list of other new members at our last meeting, and a vote of affirmation on Jeanette Mottl, candidate for Pastor for Community Connection.

Let's go back to Alaska! In August 2023, six members of North Park Covenant Church made a week-long mission trip to Nome, Alaska, to support the ministries of James and Rachel Ventress. There is renewed interest in making a return trip next year. Activities might include cooking for the young people who gather at Checkpoint each week, music ministry, and/or a short VBS program. There will also be opportunities to explore Nome and the surrounding countryside. Exact dates are yet to be determined, but mid-July 2026 would allow students and parents to participate. Please contact Sue Vandervoort at 773-769-1963 or suev307@sbcglobal.net if you might be interested in this trip.

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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, June 2

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)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, June 3

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 4

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Parlors)

Thursday, June 5

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Friday, June 6

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

Saturday, June 7

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
3:30 pm	Reed Piano Recital (Sanctuary)

Sunday, June 8

10:30 am	Outdoor Worship (South Garden)
11:45 am	Block Party! (Sidewalk along Christiana)
4 pm	Christians for a Free Palestine Movie Event (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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