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PRELUDE

Toccata in Seven John Rutter Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter

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* 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

Easter Season Acts Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christian Schuetz, Reader

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

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 **Emily Kiltz** Rebecca Rodriguez Eric Hoffman Riley Kiltz Craig Tews Teg Piotrowski Erik Ward Janice Huber

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.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Offertory

arr. Tom Fettke

Brian Ward, Piano

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

* Responsive Hymn 246, verses 1 and 2

* Prayer of Dedication

* 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.

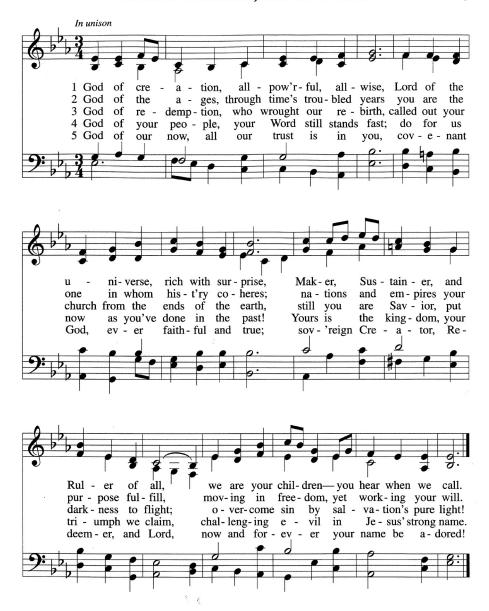
* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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.

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Living in the Overflow

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







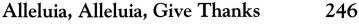














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Irregular ALLELUIA NO. 1

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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

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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 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 hiarus 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

morning. A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15, following the 10:30 am service. The

15, at 5 pm to help set up the various stations so they'll be ready when the kids arrive on Monday

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, candi-

date for Pastor for Community Connection.

Let's go back to Alaska! In August 2023, six members of North Park Covenant Church made a weeklong 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 <u>suev307@sbcglobal.net</u> 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.

9:15 am 10:30 am 3:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Monday, June 2 Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room) Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room) Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym) Geezerball (Gym) Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)
4:30 pm 6 pm	Tuesday, June 3 Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
10 am 3:45 pm 7 pm	Wednesday, June 4 Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home) Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym) Knit or Not (Parlors)
4:30 pm	Thursday, June 5 Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
1 pm 4:15 pm	Friday, June 6 Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home) Reed Group Piano Lesson (Sanctuary)
8 am 10:15 am 3:30 pm	Saturday, June 7 Geezerball (Gym) Cudahy Basketball (Gym) Reed Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
10:30 am 11:45 am 4 pm 7 pm	Sunday, June 8 Outdoor Worship (South Garden) Block Party! (Sidewalk along Christiana) Christians for a Free Palestine Movie Event (Parlors) 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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