



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World
Franklin L. Sheppard
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter



* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 22

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

I will praise you among your assembled people.

Praise the Lord, all you who fear him!

Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob!

Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy.

He has not turned his back on them,

but has listened to their cries for help.

* OPENING HYMN 591

They Shall Be Oaks of Righteousness

* INVOCATION AND THE IONA COMMUNITY LORD'S PRAYER

Ellen Kogstad

**Source of all life, our Companion in Heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your community come,
your vision be realized on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today all that sustains us,
free us from the harm we do,
and heal us from the harm done to us.**

**Shield and guide us in the times of trouble
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the community, the vision,
and the joy are yours now and forever. Amen.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

For the Word of God in scripture,
and other wellsprings of nourishment,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
thanks be to God.

Sarah Hillabrant, Reader

Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN (Texts found in announcements at back) VBS Report and Songs

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

SPECIAL MUSIC

Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)

Chris Rice

2003 Clumsy Fly Music (Admin. by WC Music Corp.)

Robert Johnson, Baritone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Good to Me

Craig Musseau

1990 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Vineyard Songs Canada (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Martha Mier

Sam Parnin, Piano

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 384

More Love to Thee, O Christ

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

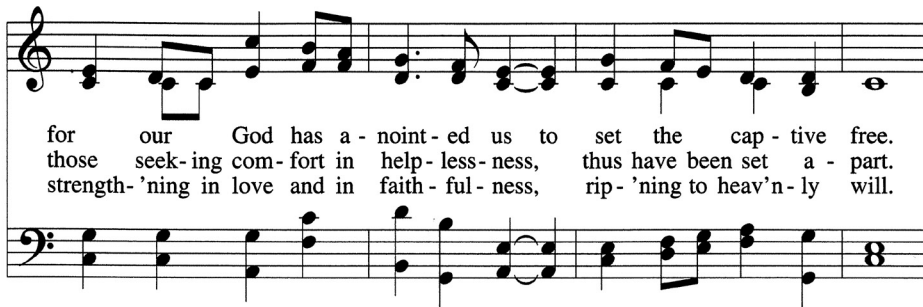
arr. Cindy Berry

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

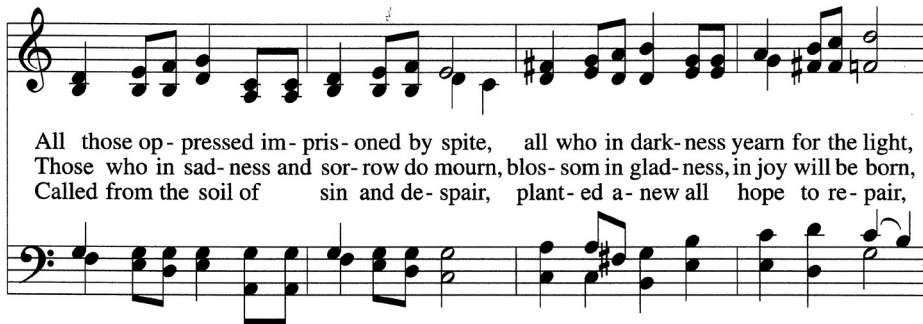
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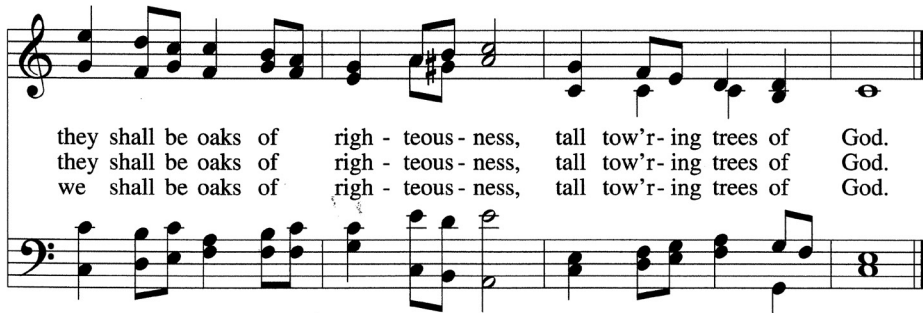
1 They shall be oaks of righ- teous- ness, all who af- flict- ed be,
 2 They shall be oaks of righ- teous- ness, those yet with bro- ken heart,
 3 We shall be oaks of righ- teous- ness, for we are seed- lings still,



for our God has a - noint- ed us to set the cap - tive free.
 those seek- ing com- fort in help- less- ness, thus have been set a - part.
 strength- 'ning in love and in faith - ful - ness, rip - 'ning to heav' n - ly will.



All those op - pressed im - pris - oned by spite, all who in dark - ness yearn for the light,
 Those who in sad - ness and sor - row do mourn, blos - som in glad - ness, in joy will be born,
 Called from the soil of sin and de - spair, plant - ed a - new all hope to re - pair,



they shall be oaks of righ - teous - ness, tall tow' r - ing trees of God.
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Good to Me



I cry out for your hand of mer-cy to heal me. I am



weak, and I need Your love to free me. O Lord, my rock, my

1.



strength in weak - ness, come res - cue me, O Lord.



Lord. You are my hope. Your prom-ise nev - er fails



me, and my de - sire is to fol - low You for - ev -



er. For You are good, for You are good, for You are good to



me. For You are good, for You are good, for You are good to me.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.


here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a more active line with eighth notes, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a solid foundation with sustained notes and a final chord.


More Love to Thee, O Christ



1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the
 2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee a -
 3 Let sor-row do its work, come grief and pain; stern are the
 4 Then shall my lat-est breath whis-per thy praise; this be the



prayer I make on bend-ed knee; this is my ear-nest plea:
 lone I seek, give what is best; this all my prayer shall be:
 mes-sen-gers, sweet their re-frain, when they can sing with me:
 part-ing cry my heart shall raise; this still its prayer shall be:



More love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee!

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 5400 block of N. Kedzie; “*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)
- **Cassandra Estrada, Johanna Frisk, Alyssa Rodriguez, and Suelexia Rodriguez**, at camp this week
- **all those affected by an apartment fire** on the 5100 block of Kimball this past Thursday
- **Bruce Strom**, anticipating hip replacement surgery on June 25
- **Sandy Edstrom**, anticipating having epidural shots administered on June 27 in the hopes they will alleviate her sciatic pain
- **Eileen Thorpe**, whose skin biopsies revealed cancer, so will undergo Mohs procedures in August
- **Zeinab**, an Afghan woman newly known to our congregation, waiting to learn if a lawyer through the National Immigration Justice Center will accept her case for her and her children
- **Valerie Sanchez Lucco and family**, mourning the recent passing of her sister Bonita
- **Wilburn Sanders**, Michael Shawn Sanders’ father, home from the hospital but still struggling with undetermined health issues
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, in palliative care
- **Diane Haglund**, continuing to struggle 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) 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.

The rosebud at the front today announces the birth on June 5 of Josephine Anna Spinnelli, to Helena Swanson-Nystrom and Andrew Spinelli. Jane Swanson-Nystrom and Doug Nystrom are the proud grandparents.

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 summer issue of *The Covenant Home Altar*, our denomination's daily devotional, is available for pick-up in the narthex today. Please feel free to pick up a copy!

Staff Away: Ann-Marie will be out of the office June 25 through June 27, Christian will be away June 27 through July 8, and Jeanette will be away June 27 through July 12.

A memorial service for LeRoy Johnson will take place in our sanctuary on Saturday, July 26, at 1 pm, with a reception to follow. All are invited to attend this service of remembrance, celebration of life, and witness to the resurrection. The service will also be live-streamed, and we will send out the link as the date draws closer.

Our deacon board could use one or two more members! Are you a member of NPCC, and love God and love people? If you sense God calling you to this ministry, or if you want to suggest someone, please contact our co-chairs, Nancy Ebner or Susan Dawson, to learn more. Names will be brought to the Executive Council for approval.

All-church Retreat Postponed: Thank you to all who participated in the retreat survey we sent out a couple of months ago. Due to a lack of consensus on time, place, and availability, the Christian Formation Board has decided to hold off on holding an all-church retreat at this time. But stay tuned for a future possibility!

Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC? We always welcome people who are willing to hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two.](#)

The texts for the VBS songs being sung by some of our VBS kids today are as follows:

I Am the Resurrection

Refrain: I am the Resurrection and the Life;
He who believes in Me will never die.
I am the Resurrection and the Life;
He who believes in Me will live a new life.

I have come to bring the Truth.
I have come to bring you Life.
If you believe then you shall live! *Refrain*

In My Word all men will come to know,
it is love which makes the Spirit grow.
If you believe then you shall live! *Refrain*

Keep in mind the things that I have said.
Remember Me in the breaking of the bread.
If you believe then you shall live! *Refrain*

Light of the World

The world is searching for an answer,
a ray of hope in a hopeless world.
Who can we turn to?
Where is our rescue?

There is someone, he's the answer.
He's the light and he'll light the way.
His name is Jesus, and he came to save us.

Refrain: He is the light, light, light,
light of the world,
and he shine, shine, shines all over the earth,
shining bright, bright, bright,
he is the light of the world!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, June 29:**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, June 23

- 8 am Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)
- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)
- 10 am Staff Planning Session (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer and Meditative Walk (Staff Conf Rm, Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 24

- 8 am Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 25

- 8 am Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)
- 4:30 pm Midweek Pause (Jeanette's Office)
- 7 pm Knit or Not (Location TBD)

Thursday, June 26

- 8 am Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)

Friday, June 27

- 8 am Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)
- 7 pm Youth Group Movie Night (Youth Room by Gym)

Saturday, June 28

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

Sunday, June 29

- 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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