



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

JUNE 29, 2025
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PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me
arr. Terry Kirkland
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 118:1, 19-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His love endures forever.

Open the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord

through which the righteous may enter.

I will give thanks, for you answered me;

You have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

The Lord has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* OPENING HYMN 56

For the Beauty of the Earth

* 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

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (78)
Fernando Ortega, Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan
Carol Olfelt, Soprano

MESSAGE

Anders Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

You Go Before Me
Brian and Maria Ward
Led by Anders Johnson, Brian Ward, Maria Ward, and Ryan Wendt

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

I Need Thee Every Hour
Robert Lowery

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 31

Now Thank We All Our God

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
from the *Earneuerton Gesangbuch*

** 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.*

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Descant

5 For your-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly giv'n;

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the worth of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For your-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly giv'n;

for your love be-yond all time, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a-bove; for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for your love be-yond all time, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

Refrain

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise. A-men.

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A higher setting can be found at 192.

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

You Go Before Me

Psalms 139: 1-2, 5-8, 12, 15-18

Brian and Maria Ward

Allegro (♩ = 120)



Oh Lord, you've ex-am-ined my heart
I can ne-ver es-cape from your spirit



You know e-very-thing a-bout me when I sit or I stand
I can ne-ver get a-way from your pre-sence



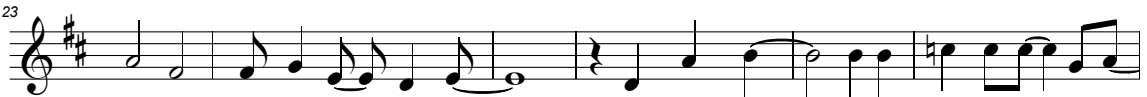
You know my thoughts e-ven when I'm far a-way
if I go up to hea-ven, You are there.



The night will shine like the day You are there.
If I go down to the grave You are there.



You go be-fore me and fol-low me You place Your

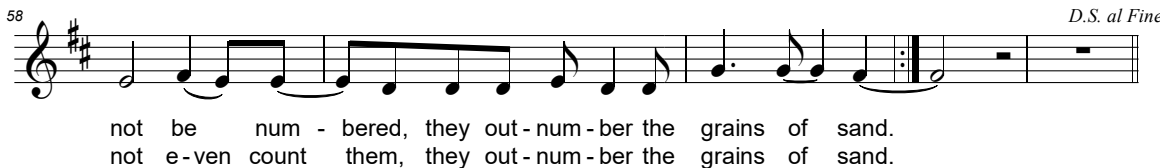
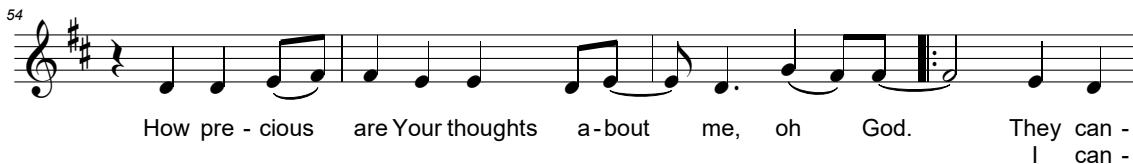
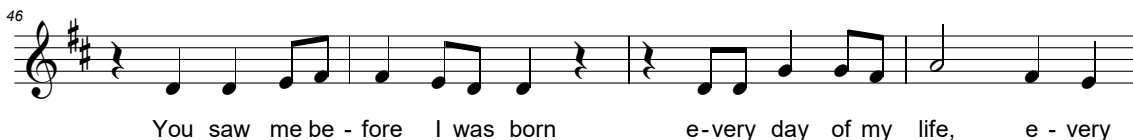
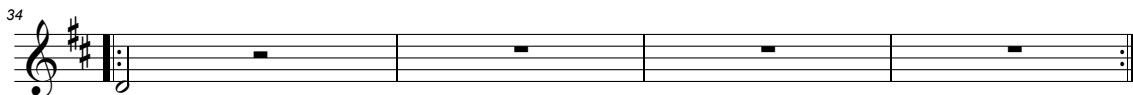


hand of bles-sing on my head such know-ledge is too won-der-ful for me

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too great to un-der-stand



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 varied melodic line with some dotted 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 for the concluding notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. A - men.

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 5400 block of N. Sawyer and the 3200 block of W. Catalpa; *"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)
- **Leyla Castro, Stella Learn, Ivy Nordlund, Erik Ward, and Anna Wargaski**, at camp this week
- **all those affected by an apartment fire** on the 5100 block of N. Kimball last Thursday
- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating after hip replacement surgery this past Wednesday
- **Sandy Edstrom**, recuperating after having epidural shots administered this past Friday
- **Eileen Thorpe**, whose skin biopsies revealed cancer and will undergo Mohs procedures in August
- **Zeinab**; her 19-year-old daughter, Sofia, in ICE custody; and her two teenage sons; that they would experience the peace of Jesus as they continue to search for a lawyer to represent their asylum case
- **Valerie Sanchez Lucco and family**, mourning the recent passing of her sister, Bonita, after a battle with pancreatic cancer
- **Wilburn Sanders**, Michael Shawn Sanders' father, home from the hospital, but still experiencing 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.

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.

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 using our usual livestream link.

Special Coffee Hour on July 27: Pastor Libby will return to church after her sabbatical on Monday, July 21, so we plan to have a special coffee hour to welcome her back on Sunday, July 27.

Lectionary texts for Sunday, July 6:

Isaiah 66:10-1

Psalms 66:1-9

Galatians 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, June 30

8 am	Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Large Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 1

8 am	Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, July 2

8 am	Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Location TBD)

Thursday, July 3

8 am	Ability Sports Camp (Gym)
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Friday, July 4 - Office Closed

Saturday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 6

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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