



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

JULY 20, 2025
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PRELUDE

Prelude on “Martyn”
Gordon Young
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter



* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 15
Mary Chase-Ziolek

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?
The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;
whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;
who despises a vile person,
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;
who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

* OPENING HYMN 437

How Firm a Foundation

* 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

Jim Meyer, Reader
Genesis 18:1-10a
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Choral Ensemble, Brian Ward, Director

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of alms,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,
He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you,
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS IN JULY

*During the congregational song, we invite you to come forward to the Christmas tree
to take a red ornament if you would like to purchase an item for the refugee household care pack
and/or a green ornament if you would like to commit to praying for refugees
and the things that impact their lives.*

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

1997 Sovereign Grace Worship (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Anders Johnson, Jeanette Mottl, Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Psalm 52: Why Do You Boast?

Greg Scheer

Sam Parnin, Piano

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

Eric Pfeiffelman

* CLOSING HYMN 17

Let All the World

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ceremonial March
Herbert Sumson

** 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.*

How Firm a Foundation

In unison

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you in trou - ble to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress,
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

WORDS: Based on Isaiah 43:1-5, John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

MUSIC: American melody; arr. A. Royce Eckhardt, 1937-, © 1973, 1996 Covenant Publications

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FOUNDATION

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

Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be-fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per-fect
2. When Sa-tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with-
3. Be-hold Him there, the ri-sen Lamb, my perfect spot-less right-eous



plea, A great high Priest whose name is love who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, Up-ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my
ness, The great un - change - a - ble I Am the King of glor - y and of



me. My name is gra-ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be-cause a sin-less Sa-vior died, my sin - ful soul is count-ed
grace. One with Him - self, I can-not die, my soul is pur - chased by His



heart, I know that while in heav-en He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de-part,
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don me,
blood, my life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Sav-ior and my God,



no tongue can bid me thence de - part. Ha - le - lu -
to look on Him and par - don me.
with Christ my Sav-ior and my God.



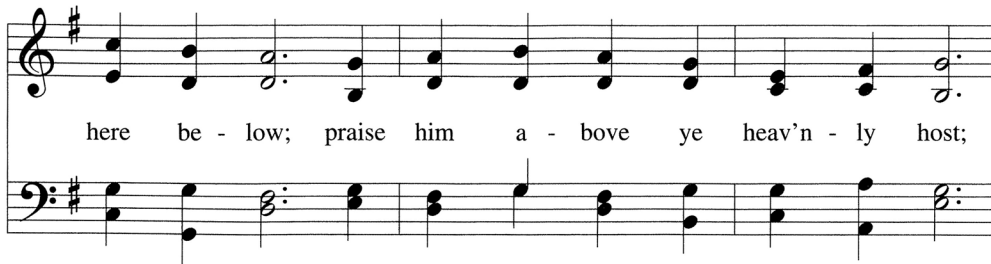
jah, Ha-le - lu - jah, Praise the one ri-sen son of God.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48



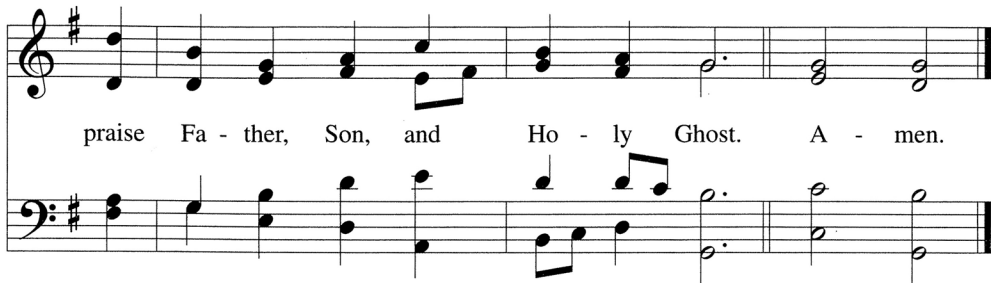
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing 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 upper staff features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, while the lower staff provides a steady harmonic support with chords and moving lines.



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

The third system concludes the piece. The melody in the upper staff ends with a final cadence, and the accompaniment in the lower staff provides a solid harmonic base, ending with sustained chords.

Let All the World

In unison

1 Let all the world in ev-'ry cor-ner sing: my God and
2 Let all the world in ev-'ry cor-ner sing: my God and

King! The heav'ns are not too high, his prais-es there may
King! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them

fly; the earth is not too low, his prais-es there may grow.
out; but, more than all, the heart must bear the long-est part.

Let all the world in ev-'ry cor-ner sing: my God and King!
Let all the world in ev-'ry cor-ner sing: my God and King!

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. Spaulding, the north side of the 3300 block of W. Balmoral, and the south side of the 3300 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)
- **Oskar Almer, Amari Berg, Lydia Berg, Sebi Berg, Sienna Berg, Vivienne Berg, Sophie Schukas, Kajsa Ward**, heading to camp this week
- Dorothy Schmidt's friend **Anna**, mourning the passing of her husband, Richard, on July 10 after a lengthy illness
- **Zeynab and her two teenage sons**, released by ICE and awaiting a meeting with a lawyer this coming week
- **Cal Katter**, recuperating after a fall earlier this month in which he hit his head
- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating after hip replacement surgery
- **Sandy Edstrom**, recuperating after having epidural shots administered recently
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, in palliative care
- **Diane Haglund**, continuing to struggle with fatigue, 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.

It's Christmas in July! Starting today, the Board of Community Concern will have a Christmas tree with ornaments set up with a prayer request or an item to donate printed on individual ornaments. We invite you to take one or a few ornaments to pray for various prayer requests and to donate items to help us assemble two "Household Packs" that are still needed to help the people Exodus serves. If you are donating items for the packs, please bring them to the church by Saturday, August 2.

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 tomorrow, July 21, so we plan to have a special coffee hour to welcome her back next Sunday, July 27. We hope you'll join us!

Danny Martinez and Friends invite you to a salsa-infused concert on Saturday, August 2, at 6 pm. This concert is an annual event put together by Pastor Danny and his musician friends to raise funds for education and necessities for the children of [Casa Guatemala](#). Tickets are \$15 at the door, and the concert will take place at Anderson Chapel on the campus of North Park University.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, July 27:**

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

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.

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.](#)

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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, July 21

- 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 22

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, July 23

- 4:30 pm Midweek Pause (Jeanette's Office)
- 7 pm Knit or Not (Location TBD)

Saturday, July 26

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:15 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 11:30 am LeRoy Johnson Inurnment - Private (Columbarium)
- 1 pm LeRoy Johnson Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 2:30 pm LeRoy Johnson Memorial Reception (Parlors)

Sunday, July 27

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Special Coffee Hour: Welcome Back, Libby! (Parlors)
- 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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