



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Adagio
Alexandre Guilmant
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeanette Mottl and Libby Piotrowski



* CALL TO WORSHIP 807, with sung response

Psalm 49:1-12

* OPENING HYMN 412

Be Thou My Vision

* 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, forever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Samantha Johnson, Reader
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

* Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

O for a Heart to Praise My God
Edwin T. Childs
Ann Boyd, Soprano

O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that always feels your blood
so freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone.

A heart in every thought renewed
and full of love divine,
perfect and right and pure and good,
a copy, Lord, of Yours.

O for a humble, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from Him Who dwells within.

Your nature, gracious Lord, impart;
come quickly from above;
upon my heart write Your new name,
Your new best name of Love.

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Living Hope

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

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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.*

The Great Thanksgiving 943

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music

Communion Hymn Medley:

568 - Come, Share the Lord, vs. 2

551 - As We Gather at Your Table, vs. 1-2

572 - Let Us Break Bread Together, vs. 3

560 - You Satisfy the Hungry Heart, vs. 3-5

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

The Church's One Foundation
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 376

When We Walk with the Lord

All sing verses 1, 3 and 5; Men sing verse 2; Women sing verse 4.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Toccata on *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (633)
Joel Raney

** 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.*

Psalm 49:1-12

RESPONSE

My words will give un - der - stand - ing un - to you.

- I ¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
²**both low and high, rich and poor together.**
³My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

RESPONSE

- II ⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble,
 when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
⁶**those who trust in their wealth
 and boast of the abundance of their riches?**
⁷Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.
⁸For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice
⁹**that one should live on forever and never see the grave.**

RESPONSE

- III ¹⁰When he looks at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹Their graves are their homes forever,
 their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.
¹²Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.

RESPONSE

Words: Helen Otte, © 1987 CRC Publication
 Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

Be Thou My Vision

412

In unison

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart,
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word,
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther, thy child shall I be,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing and I one with thee.
 high King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

WORDS: Ancient Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931, versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Carlton R. Young, 1926-, © 1964 Abingdon Press

10.10.9.10.
 SLANE

An alternate harmonization can be found at 4, 89.

Living Hope

Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson

B E B E B

How great the chas-m that lay be-
Who could i - mag - ine so great a

6 F# E G#m F# B

tween us; how high the moun-tain I could not climb. In des-pe-ra-tion, I turned to
mer-cy? What heart can fa - thom such bound-less grace? The God of a - ges stepped down from

10 F# E F# B E

hea-ven and spoke your name in - to the night. Then through the dark-ness Your lov - ing
glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spo - ken, I am for-

14 B G#m F# B

kind-ness tore through the sha - dows of my soul. The work is fin - ished, the end is
giv - en. The King of Kings calls me His own. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior, I'm yours for-

18 F# E F# B

writ - ten. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le -
e - ver. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope.

E B F# G#m E B F# G#m

22

lu - jah, praise the one who set me free. Hal-le - lu - jah, death has lost its grip on me. You have

26 E B F# G#m E F# B

bro - ken e - very chain; there's sal - va - tion in Your name; Je - sus Christ my li - ving hope. Hal - le

30 E B F# G#m E B F# G#m

lu - jah, praise the one who set me free; Hal - le - lu - jah, death has lost its grip on me; You have

34 E B F# G#m E F# B

bro - ken e - very chain; there's sal - va - tion in Your name; Je - sus Christ my li - ving hope.

38 E B F# E G#m

Then came the morn - ing that sealed the pro - mise; Your bur - ied bo - dy be - gan to

42 F# B F# E F#

breathe. Out of the sil - ence, the roar - ing li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on

46 B B F# E G#m

me. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the pro - mise; Your bur - ied bo - dy be - gan to

50 F# B F# E F#

breathe. Out of the sil - ence, the roar - ing li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on

54 G#m B D# E F# B

me. Je - sus, Yours is the vic - to - ry! Hal - le

943

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

It is good that we do.

All glory is yours, eternal God, who made the universe.

We praise you for this earth, for life and breath,
for beauty we have seen and wonders still to come.

From the beginning your living Word has guided and corrected us.

Your prophets have called us from disobedience,
and prepared us for the coming of your Son.

**We praise you for the Christ who chose to come as one of us,
and lived among us full of grace and truth.**

**For us he became poor, and knew the sadness in our days;
and for us he died on the cross and was buried.**

In him we know forgiveness and lifting of burdens.

He brings light to our darkness and opens our eyes to your great glory.

For you raised him from the dead and set him over all creation.

Through your Holy Spirit we are members of his body,
the church, and heirs of the promise of eternal life.

Therefore with grateful hearts we join the faithful
who, in all times and places, praise your name, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy
God of power and majesty,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
O God most high!***

Holy Father, we thank you that the Lord Jesus,
on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,
"This is my body which is for you.
Do this in remembering me."

In the same way, he took the cup, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembering me."

**We remember you, Lord Jesus, as you commanded,
confident we shall know you in the breaking of bread.**

**We remember you, O Christ,
confident you will seal the new covenant in our hearts
as we drink this cup.**

O Holy Spirit,
who brought us here to proclaim the risen Lord,
unite us in one body with him
who loved us and gave himself for us.

**O God, who called us from death to life;
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages,
we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* One of the following hymns may also be sung: 15, 21, 52, 106.

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 series of chords and single 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 of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The upper staff features a mix of chords and moving lines. The lower staff continues the harmonic support with chords and single notes.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The upper staff ends with a double bar line. The lower staff also concludes with a double bar line.

When We Walk with the Lord

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
 2 Not a shad-ow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but his
 3 Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor-row we share, but our
 4 But we nev-er can prove the de-lights of his love un-til
 5 Then in fel-low-ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo-ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, Christ a-
 smile quick-ly drives it a-way; not a doubt nor a fear, not a
 toil Christ does rich-ly re-pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a
 all on the al-tar we lay; for the fa-vor he shows and the
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he

bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o-bey.
 sigh nor a tear, can a-bide while we trust and o-bey.
 frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and o-bey.
 joy he be-stows are for those who will trust and o-bey.
 sends we will go—nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.

Refrain

Trust and o-bey, for there's no oth-er way to be

hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

WORDS: James H. Sammis, 1846-1919, alt.
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1850-1919

6.6.9.D, with Refrain
 TRUST AND OBEY

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. Christiana; “*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)
- **Christmas in July:** We invite you into prayer for refugees by using your specific prayer tag.
- **Lynn Pearson**, recuperating after another stroke last week
- **Kevin Wendt**, Ryan’s dad, recuperating after a T-cell procedure last week to treat blood cancer
- **Shelly Jenski**, Ryan Wendt’s aunt, recuperating after breast cancer surgery this past Monday
- **Bonnie Borgeson**, Cheryl’s sister, recuperating after breast cancer surgery this past Monday and anticipating future treatments
- **Valerie Sanchez Lucco**, mourning the recent loss of her brothers Alan and Duane
- **Sandy Edstrom**, recuperating after a second epidural shot this past Friday
- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating after a fall and subsequent hospitalization for tests
- **Janet Olfelt**, Joel Olfelt’s mother, suffering from complications related to a fall
- **Zeynab and her two sons**, that the U.S. government would approve their asylum applications, or that they may find a place safer than Iran to live if they are deported; and for Zeynab’s daughter, **Sophia**, who could potentially be released from the detention center if she can find a sponsor
- **Cal Katter**, recuperating after a fall in early July in which he hit his head
- **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) during the worship service for 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.

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.

Vida Plena Covenant Church invites you to *Cena de Amigos* (dinner with friends) on Saturday, August 9, from 6-8 pm in the church parlors. If you have any questions, or to RSVP, please reach out to Pastor Sergio Gonzalez at 872-357-9080.

Join us as we watch the **Chicago Dogs** take on the Gary South Shore Rail Cats at Impact Field in Rosemont on Saturday, August 16, at 6 pm. The theme that night is Star Wars, so feel free to come in some Star Wars gear! Make sure to [register by the end of the day Sunday, August 10](#), and reach out to Jeanette if you have any questions.

The Friendship Center invites you to this year's End Hunger Games, a family-friendly fundraiser to support 70,000 neighbors facing hunger on Chicago's northwest side. Each \$40 ticket will include entry, food, two beers, and carnival-theme gameplay on Saturday, September 6. Buy your tickets today at friendshipcenterchicago.org/ehg!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, August 10:**

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40



The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, August 4

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)
- 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 (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)
- 4:30 pm Midweek Pause (Jeanette's Office)
- 7 pm Knit or Not (Location TBD)
- Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, August 7

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)

Friday, August 8

- 9 am NPCCP Day Camp (South Garden, Preschool Classroom)
- 10 am Youth Group Trip to Six Flags (Meet on Sanctuary Steps)

Saturday, August 9

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:15 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 6 pm Vida Plena Cida de Amigos (Parlors)

Sunday, August 10

- 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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