



# **NORTH PARK**

## **COVENANT CHURCH**

AUGUST 24, 2025  
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PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (68)  
arr. Edward Broughton  
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski



\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

**who forgives all your iniquity,**

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**who satisfies you with good as long as you live,**

**so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

**He made known his ways to Moses,**

**his acts to the people of Israel.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Let us worship God together!

\* OPENING HYMN 61

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

\* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Dave Schlensker, Reader

Psalm Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

\* Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Don't Feel No Ways Tired  
arr. Cory Henry and Nicholas Semrad  
Sam Parnin, Steel Pan  
Brian Ward, Piano

MESSAGE

Jeanette Mottl

\* RESPONSIVE HYMN 477

Healer of Our Every Ill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

Give me Jesus

arr. Paul Johnson

Brian Ward, Piano

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING SONG

Living in the Overflow

Charity Gayle, Desiree Sherman, Joshua Sherman,

Lara Landon, Steven Musso, The Emerging Sound

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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Therefore

Robert F. Swift

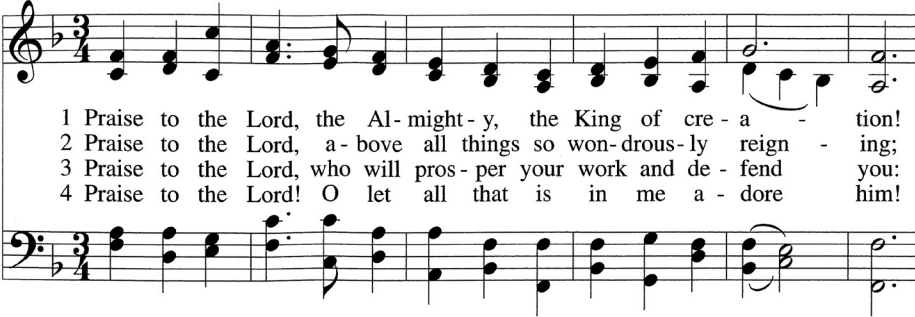
*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

*Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.*

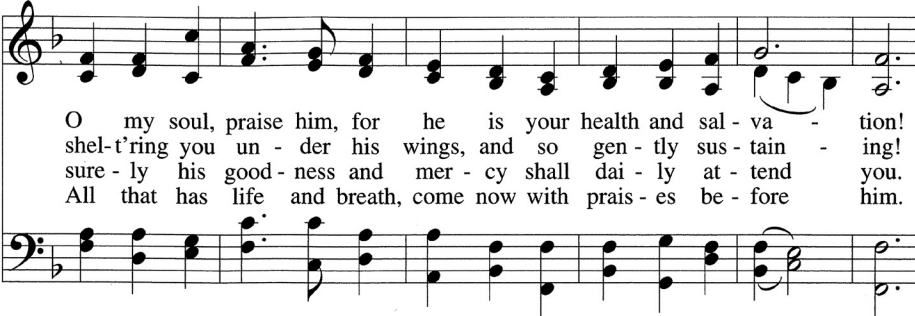
*In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,  
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen  
in the box's drawer for your use.*

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

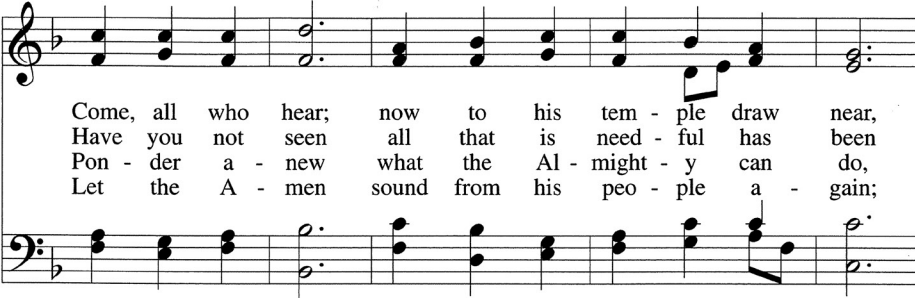
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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign-ing;  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you:  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-vation!  
 shel-ter-ing you un-der his wings, and so gen-tly sus-tain-ing!  
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him.



Come, all who hear; now to his tem-ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need-ful has been  
 Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do,  
 Let the A-men sound from his peo-ple a-gain;



join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?  
 if with his love he be-friends you.  
 glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him. A-men.

## 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*

## Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*

D Em 7/D G/D A/D D Bm Bm 7/A

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to -

G A F#m 7 Bm Em 7 F#7

mor - row, give us peace be - yond our fear, and

G Em A/C# 1,2,3 D A/C# 4 D *Fine*

hope be - yond our sor - row. row.

# HEALING IN AFFLICTION

*Stanzas*  
Bm F#m/A

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness,  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing,

G F Em

grace us with your peace and glad - ness. Spir - it of all  
how your grace is still un - fold - ing, give us all your  
ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er. Spir - it of all  
teach us all your way of heal - ing. Spir - it of com -

D/F# G Bm A/C# G/B A *poco rit.* *to Refrain*

com - fort, fill our hearts.  
vi - sion, God of love.  
kind - ness, be our guide.  
pas - sion, fill each heart.

*poco rit.*

# Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures

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 melodic line with some dotted rhythms, 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 concluding accompaniment. The piece ends with a double bar line.

# Living in the Overflow

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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (three flats), and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with corresponding lyrics. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There are repeat signs at the beginning of the first staff and at the end of the sixth staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

I'm liv - ing in the o - ver - flow. I'm  
God, You are the sov - ereign one. You've

cov - ered by Your love mov - ing with the Ho - ly Ghost. You're  
giv - en us Your name We de - clare Your King - dom come; For -

more than e - nough. I'm walk - ing in Your free - dom now. I'm  
e - ver You reign I'm liv - ing in the o - ver - flow The

cov - ered by Your grace Wit - ness - ing Your heal - ing power  
bounds are now set free Ev - ery - where we go, we see

We have been changed. Bless the Lord, oh my soul. I am liv - ing in the  
the vic - to - ry.

o - ver - flow. Bless the Lord, oh my soul. I am liv - ing in the

1. o - ver - flow. God, You are the o - ver - flow. Oh, A maz - ing  
2.

21

God, Your spir - it falls, and now we

25

walk in mir - a - cles. Oh, A maz - ing

29

God, Your spir - it falls, and now we

33

walk in mir - a - cles. Bless the Lord,

37

oh my soul. I am liv-ing in the o - ver - flow. Bless the Lord,

41

oh my soul. I am liv-ing in the o - ver - flow.

44

I am liv - ing in the o - ver - flow.

# *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. 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)
- **John Dawson**, the son of some of Rosemary Slaughter's friends, recuperating after surgery this past Friday
- **Steve Brown**, who has been dealing with pancreatic cancer, and his wife, **Jan Huber**, who fell and will be having shoulder surgery this week
- **Eileen Thorpe**, recuperating after successful Mohs surgery
- **Mary Ann Slaughter**, Rosemary's sister-in-law, struggling with health issues but doing well with new meds
- **Pastor Dany and family**, mourning the passing of her mother on August 3
- **Huck Johnson**, recuperating after ACL surgery last Friday
- **Lynn Pearson**, both still hospitalized
- **Pete Pearson**, home from the hospital
- **Bruce Strom**, still healing after a fall
- **Sandy Edstrom**, recuperating after yet another shot for sciatic pain
- **Millie Lungren and family**, mourning the passing of her sister Margaret Bruland on July 5
- **Janet Olfelt**, Joel Olfelt's mother, moved to a skilled nursing facility as she recovers from a fall
- **Zeynab and her two sons**, that their asylum applications would be approved, or that they may find a safer place to live than Iran if deported; and her daughter, **Sophia**, who may be released from the detention center if she can find a sponsor
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, in palliative care
- **Diane Haglund**, still experiencing 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.

**Visit with the Norens:** Paul and Sheryl Noren, Covenant missionaries to Congo, CAR, and Cameroon, will be in town and staying with Eileen Thorpe for a few days at the end of the month. While they will not be speaking at NPCC, the Norens would love to visit with some of you over coffee and dessert. Eileen has offered to host a gathering at her house on the evening of Friday, August 29, at 7 pm. If you would like to attend, please notify Pastor Libby at [lpiotrowski@npcovenant.org](mailto:lpiotrowski@npcovenant.org) by Wednesday, August 27.

**Staff Away:** Christian will be away from August 28 through September 2, and Jeanette will be away from August 29 through September 1.

**It's almost time for our fall kick-off!** All are invited to join us on Sunday, September 7 for outdoor worship (weather permitting) and a block party. We'll provide a taco bar and ask that members and friends bring a side or a dessert to contribute to the meal. In case of inclement weather, we'll move indoors to the sanctuary and parlors. Invite your neighbors and friends! All are welcome!

**Wednesday-night programming starts September 10!** Join us (just about) every Wednesday night during the school year beginning at 6 pm for our mid-week community dinner! There's no need to bring anything! Just come, grab a plate, pull up a chair, and share some conversation from 6 to 7 pm in the church parlors on the lower level of the church. Please use this form to reserve your spot by the end of the preceding Monday. We'll accept a donation of \$6/person or \$20/family if you have the resources.

We are usually done with dinner by about 6:45 and, occasionally, there will be some programming following dinner, but come when you can and leave when you must. Also, following dinner, we have activities for a variety of ages and interests:

- 6:30-7:10 Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30-7:10 Contemporary Music Rehearsal
- 7-8:30 Knit or Not
- 7-8:30 Middle-school Youth Group
- 7:15-8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, August 31:**

Proverbs 25:6-7  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

**A Slightly Different Ministry Fair:** On Sunday, September 14, following our 10:30 am worship service, we will hold a Ministry Fair—a way to share the ministry opportunities of this church body and welcome one another into service—complete with a raffle surprise! We invite you to come to the church parlors to learn more about how you might bring your gifts to the table and serve in ways in which you are best suited, to build God's Kingdom here on earth where good can flourish in every corner, for God's glory and for neighbors' good.

**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!](http://friendshipcenterchicago.org/ehg!)

## The Church Calendar This Week

*The calendar is available online at [www.npcovenant.org/calendar](http://www.npcovenant.org/calendar) and is updated as changes occur.*

### *Monday, August 25*

- 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 26*

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Wednesday, August 27*

- 7 pm Knit or Not (Location TBD)

### *Thursday, August 28*

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### *Friday, August 29*

- 1 pm Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)

### *Saturday, August 30*

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

### *Sunday, August 31*

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

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## **Missionaries We Support**

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Regional Coordinators for Latin America

## **Welcome Statement**

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*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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