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PRELUDE

Toccata on Hanson Place
(Shall We Gather at the River)
Joel Raney
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Moment for Mission

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter
The Hospitality Committee



CHORAL INTROIT

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Hymnal Selection 283
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP 795

Psalm 29

* OPENING HYMN 1

Rise, Shine, You People!

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

Emily Cody

* 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

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Rosemary Slaughter, Reader
Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

Water of Life
Hymnal Selection 538

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, USING THE PRAYER TREE

*All are invited to write the names of those they are praying for on the paper leaves provided
and bring them forward to place on the prayer tree during the hymn of response.*

SONG OF RESPONSE

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

Led by Rosie Boyd, Eric Hoffman, Jeanette Mottl,

Teg Piotrowski, Alexei Rodriguez, and Erik Ward

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

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Hymnal Selection 487, arr. Larry Shackley

Brian Ward, Piano

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING SONG

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Lovely Shineth the Morning Star

Hymnal Selection 191, arr. Andreas Armsdorf

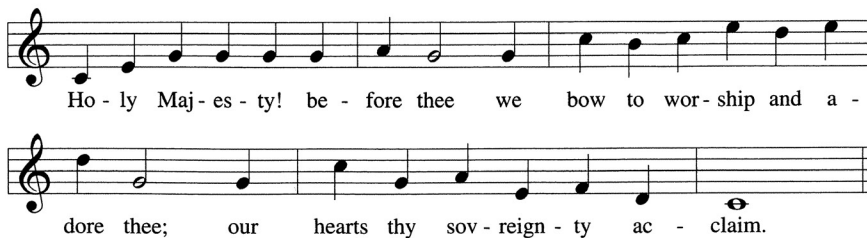
*Please remain seated for the postlude, pausing as the light of Christ is carried out
and imagining how you might carry that light into the world this week.*

** 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.*

RESPONSE



I ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

II ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

RESPONSE

I ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

II ⁷**The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**
⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

RESPONSE

ALL ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

RESPONSE

Rise, Shine, You People!

1

In unison

1 Rise, shine, you peo-ple! Christ the Lord has en-tered our
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e-vil reel-ing; he
 3 Come, cel-e-brate; your ban-ners high un-furl-ing, your
 4 Tell how the Fa-ther sent his Son to save us. Tell

hu-man sto-ry; God in him is cen-tered. He comes to
 brings us free-dom, light, and life and heal-ing. All men and
 songs and prayers a- gainst the dark-ness hurl-ing. To all the
 of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the

us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, with grace un-bound-ed.
 wom-en, who by guilt are driv-en, now are for-giv-en.
 world go out and tell the sto-ry of Je-sus' glo-ry.
 Spir-it calls from ev-'ry na-tion his new cre-a-tion.

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

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Integrity Music)

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D

All who are thirst - y All who are

3 F#m7 G

weak come to the foun - tain, dip your heart in the

5 Em7 Em7 F# G A D

stream of life. Let the pain and the sor - row be washed a -

7 F#m7 G

way in the waves of his mer - cy as deep cries

9 Em7 Em7 F# G A D A/D G/D D

out to deep Come, Lord Je - sus,

11 G D A/D G/D D G D.C.

come. We sing come, Lord Je - sus, come.

14 D A/D G/D D G D A/D G/D D G

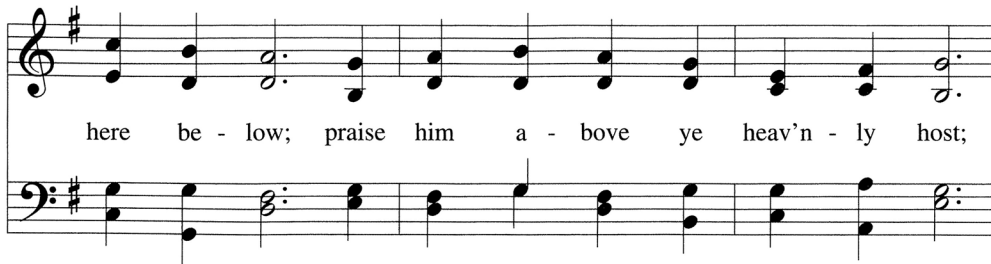
Ho - ly Spi - rit come. We sing Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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 treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment of 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 features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a steady harmonic support with chords and single notes.



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

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The bass staff also concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody for 'A - men' is short and simple, ending on a half note.

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

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Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain Ho-ly, Ho-ly is He

5



Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heav-en's mer-cy seat

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly is the Lord God, al-migh-ty who was and is and is to come

[illegible]

with all cre-a-tion I sing Praise to the King of Kings You are my everything and I will a-dore You

17 

Clothed in rain-bows of liv-ing co-lor Fla-shes of light-ning, rolls of thun - der

21 

Bless-ing and hon-or strength and glo-ry and power be to You the on-ly wise King

25

Musical notation for measure 25. The staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The measure contains a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, and a quarter note E4. This is followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, and a quarter note E4. Then, a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, and a quarter note E4. Finally, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3.

Filled with won-der, awe-struck won-der at the men-tion of Your name

D.S. al Fine

29 

Je-sus Your name is pow - er Breath and liv-ing wa - ter such a mar-velous my-ster-y

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

If you're new here today, we invite you to email the co-pastors at copastors@npcovenant.org 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 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.

For your prayers this week:

- **Community prayer:** As we begin this new year, pray that God would help our eyes be open to the people around us, those we know and don't know. May we be a people of invitation and hospitality.
- **our immigrant brothers and sisters**, as ICE activity continues in the area
- **Eric Hoffman**, anticipating ankle surgery on Thursday, January 15
- **Bruce Strom**, home again after doctors were able to right his dislocated hip without surgery
- **Matthew**, a cousin to Dorothy Schmidt who is struggling with his mental health and refusing help
- Rosemary Slaughter's cousin **Judy Wiley**, recuperating after a recent fall
- **Twyla Horten and son Ryan**, mourning the passing of husband and father Lee on December 10
- **Millie Lungren and family**, mourning the December 12 passing of her brother-in-law Don Bruland
- **Darlene Johnson**, recovering from a badly broken arm
- Marti and Nabil Hindaileh's daughters **Kaitlin and Sofia**, displaced from their apartment by a fire
- **Tami Losey**, Marti Hindaileh's sister, who lives in Ohio, in need of bloodwork and a PET scan to determine if a lesion found on her spleen is cancerous, but it won't be covered by Medicaid
- Julie and David Bromley's long-time friend **Tim Dixon**, suffering from stage 4 lung cancer after nine years of being cancer-free
- Janice Finney's mother, **Shirley**, recovering after a fall in which she broke her leg
- Pastor Libby's four-year-old nephew, **Mo Johnson-Collins**, and his parents, awaiting next steps related to two masses on his liver, which have been determined to be benign
- Michael Shawn Sanders' friend **John C.**, on hospice after being diagnosed with an untreatable tumor
- **Lori Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of her niece Shannon a few weeks ago
- **Lynn Pearson**, continuing to recuperate at home
- **Andrea Feijoo**, Janice Kelly's niece, diagnosed with an aggressive liver cancer
- Joline and Steve Paska's friend **Maggie**, diagnosed with stage 3 endometrial cancer
- **Melanie Jones**, for strength to live with chronic pain
- **Steve Brown**, who has been dealing with pancreatic cancer
- **Zeynab and her two sons**, awaiting word about their asylum case
- Zeynab's daughter, **Soofia**, who remains in a detention center in California
- **Silas**, 12-year old son of Rachel and James Ventress, diagnosed with a bone disease in his hip
- **Mercedes**, 9-year-old daughter of Rachel and James Ventress, diagnosed with a form of epilepsy

Join us following worship next Sunday, January 18, for a town hall conversation on the proposed budget for 2026, which we will vote on at part one of our Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, as well as an update on North Park Church Cooperative Preschool. A snack lunch will be provided.

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.

NPCC Tech Talk: Digital Communication Pathways: On Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30 pm, all are invited to come learn more about our church's digital presence and how best to utilize the various communications pathways we offer. After a brief presentation, there will be a time for Q&A and troubleshooting. If bringing your device would be helpful, please do so.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, January 18:**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

An Evening with Rebekah Eklund: You are invited to an evening with Covenant pastor Rebekah Eklund on Saturday, January 17, at North-west Covenant Church. The evening will be divided into two sessions, with a dinner in between. Please [click here](#) for details or to RSVP.

North Park Readers Resume: The North Park Readers will resume meeting for 2026 on Tuesday, January 27, at 7 pm. We will be reading *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. We will meet at Helen Arkema's house. If you have any questions, please contact Helen at helen.arkema@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

New Church Library Display! January is National Hobby Month, the perfect time of year to pick up a new hobby or get back into an old one you haven't thought about in a while! On display are books about cooking, gardening, sewing, art, reading, and travel.

Reclaim Lost & Found Items: It's time again to clear out our Lost & Found. If you think you've left something at church, please come to the office during the week or call me to ask about any particular items. Anything not claimed by the end of January will either be donated or tossed. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes Are Here: If you requested offering envelopes for 2026, they are now available for pick-up in the parlors. If you need someone to bring yours to you, please let Ann-Marie in the office know, and she will coordinate that for you.

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.](#)

Refugee Support Always Welcomed: If you would like to contribute to refugee support to help those in our community, you may do so by going to www.npcovenant.org/give and selecting "Refugee Family/Immigrant Support Fund" from the drop-down menu.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, January 12

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
4:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, January 13

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5 pm	Board of Community Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Parlors)
	Board of Deacons Meeting (Hybrid/Staff Conference Room)
	Board of Trustees Meeting (Large Conference Room)
8:15 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, January 14

10 am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
4:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
6 pm	Gather Dinner (Parlors)
6:30 pm	NPCC Tech Talk: Digital Communication Pathways (Parlors)
	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Coffee Lounge)
	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 15

4:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 16

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)
4:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
6 pm	Sunday School Sleepover (Youth Room, Gym, Parlors)

Saturday, January 17

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
12:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)

Sunday, January 18

9 am	Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
9:15 am	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 am	Town Hall: Budget (Parlors)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
7 pm	AA Meeting (Parlors)
	High-school Youth Group (Attic Youth Room)

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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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