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PRELUDE

We Walk by Faith
arr. Samuel McFarland
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Jon Boyd



CHORAL INTROIT

'Tis Good Lord to Be Here
Hymnal Selection 210
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP 829, with Sung Response

Psalm 99
Anders Johnson

* OPENING HYMN 243

Thine Is the Glory

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

Donn Engebretson

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Sally Engebretson, Reader
Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Alyssa Anderson

CHORAL ANTHEM

Awake, My Heart
Jane M. Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God, thy sure defender,
thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me;
beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
thy word my nurture given, to bring me on toward heaven.

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Indescribable

Jesse Reeves and Laura Story

Led by Andrew Berg, Jon Boyd, Anders Johnson,
Samantha Johnson, and Sam Parnin

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

Toccata on *Austrian Hymn*
Hymnal Selection 62, arr. Joel Raney
Sam Parnin, Organ

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

Eric Pfeiffelman

* CLOSING HYMN 209

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jubilate!

Traditional Russian Tune, arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

*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.*

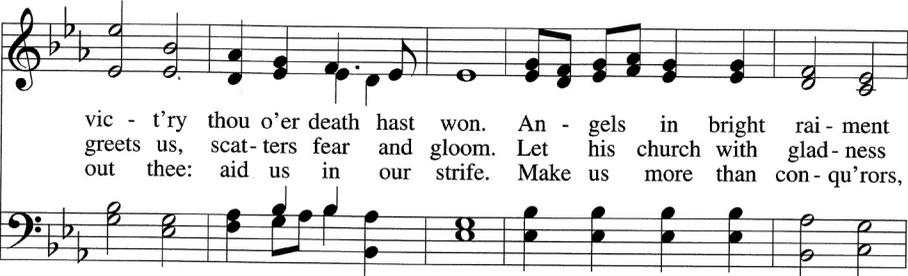
** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

*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.*

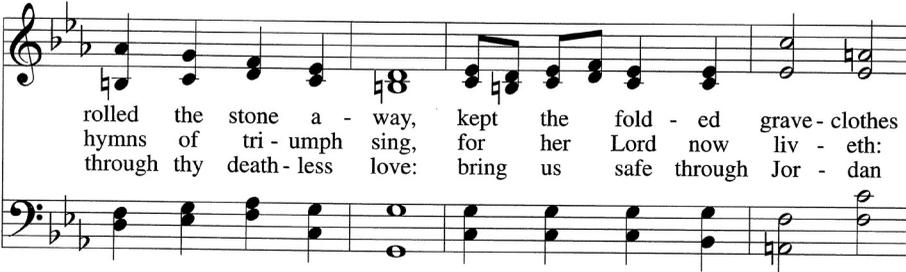
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Indescribable

Jesse Reeves and Laura Story

2004 Laura Stories (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
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From the high-est of heights to the depths of the sea,
Who has told e-v'ry light-ning bolt where it should go



Cre - a - tion's re - veal-ing Your ma - je - sty.
or seen heav-en - ly store-hous-es la - den with snow?



From the co-lors of fall to the fra - grance of spring,
Who i - magined the sun and gives source to its light,



e - v'ry crea-ture u-nique in the song that it sings, all ex - claim-ing:
yet con-ceals it to bring us the cool - ness of night? None can fa - thom:



In - de - scrib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by



name. You are a - maz - ing, God.



All - po - wer - ful, un - tame - a - ble, awe - struck, we fall to our knees as we hum - bly pro -



- claim: You are a - maz - ing, God.

17  In - des - crib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by

19  name. You are a - maz - ing, God.

21  In - comp' - ra - ble, un - change - a - ble. You see the depths of my

23  heart and You love me the same. You are a - maz - ing, God.

26  You are a - maz - ing, 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 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 provides a steady accompaniment 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 final cadence, and the lower staff provides a final accompaniment. The music ends with a double bar line.

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came; God pro - claim - ing
 4 Je - sus is the cho - sen One, liv - ing hope of

glo - ry , blaz - ing. Let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
 in its thun - der, Je - sus as the Son by name!
 ev - 'ry na - tion, hear and heed him ev - 'ry - one;

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing: al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing: al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der: al - le - lu - ia!
 sing, with earth and all cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

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7.8.7.8. with Alleluia
 MOUNTAIN PEAK

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.

If giving digitally is more your style, this handy QR code will take you directly to our online giving portal. It's a great pathway to one of the most powerful and sustainable ways to support NPCC. In the portal, you can make an account, set up recurring gifts, and even include a little extra to offset processing fees. However you give, know that we are deeply grateful for your generosity and doing all we can to equip this church family to live for God's glory and neighbors' good.



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.

Members and friends are invited to be a part of a Saturday-morning trash brigade, working to clean up an area of our community inspired by this month's community prayer. Please reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith at rjonberber@sbcglobal.net for more details.

On Wednesday, February 18, at 7 pm, we will gather in the sanctuary for an Ash Wednesday service. We will share in the Lord's Supper, and the imposition of ashes will be offered. Our Gather meal that evening, still at 6 pm, will be a simple supper. All are welcome.

Do you have a fun skill that would astonish and impress your fellow churchgoers? Then we want you to sign up to participate at our annual Coffeehouse. On Saturday, February 21, at 6:30 pm, performers and audience members alike are invited to come to the church parlors for an evening that's like no other! We'll have coffee, lemonade, and lots of snacks to enjoy. You won't want to miss it! [Reach out to emcee Joel Piotrowski](#) if you'd like to be added to the program.

The Board of Christian Formation invites you to a camping fundraiser on Saturday, March 7, from 5:30 to 7 pm! Do people request your deviled eggs by name? Is your Swedish meatball recipe basically a family heirloom? Or do you just love a good appetizer? Then you'll want to join us for Small Plates Showdown! Bring your bite-sized creation and enjoy a night of great food, friendly competition, prizes, and maybe even a camp song or two! All proceeds support camping scholarships, helping make camp possible for more students and families. If you [register to bring a dish](#), Jeanette will reach out to you with more details. Please register by March 4, whether you plan to enter a dish or not!

Perspectives on Immigration and the Church: On Saturday, March 21, at 10 am, Central Conference Superintendent Danny Martinez will be speaking on this topic at the Covenant Church of Schaumburg (301 N. Meacham Rd., Schaumburg). All are invited to attend.

The next meeting for the North Park Readers will be on Tuesday, February 24, at 7 pm. We will be reading *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, and we will meet at Diane Haglund's house. Please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com if you have any questions.

February is Black History Month, an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. The library display this month will include biographies, history books, and books by Black authors. Stop by the library to pick up a book to read this month!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, February 22:**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Join us for a mental health first aid training session! During this course, which will take place on March 28, we will meet with a certified instructor and learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns. We will also learn strategies for helping someone in crisis and non-crisis situations, where to turn for help, and earn an MHFA certificate. Lunch will be provided! The registration link will be shared beginning next Sunday, February 22, and we ask that you please register by March 22.

We are looking to fill a regular, paid childcare position in our Sunday morning toddler room. This position is in coordination with the Christian Formation Board and pays \$20 per hour, for two hours each Sunday (average need is two Sundays per month). If you love being with children, sharing Jesus' love, and are interested in this position, please reach out to Pastor Libby for more information.

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—thank you!

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for your prayers this week

- **Community prayer:** With ICE activity continuing in our city, state, and country, we invite you to pray for our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers. We pray for peace, safety, and an end to harmful practices and policies.
- **the people of Minneapolis, MN**, as they experience ongoing ICE activity
- **our third through sixth graders and leaders**, returning today from a retreat at Covenant Harbor
- **our high schoolers and leaders**, on a retreat at Covenant Point and returning tomorrow
- **Ruthanne Werner and family**, mourning the passing of her sister, Debbie Gustafson, on February 4
- our high-school youth ministry intern, **Jayvaughn Rice and family**, mourning the passing of his grandmother on February 1
- **Chuck Olson**, anticipating an ablation procedure this coming Tuesday
- **Tami Losey**, Marti Hindaileh's sister, awaiting results from a biopsy this past Thursday
- **Ryan and Sara Wendt**, starting life at the Covenant church in Albert City, IA; and for Ryan, in particular, as he recovers after being in a car accident last weekend in which their car was totaled
- **Paul Wargaski**, doing better now that he's on meds to address heart failure
- **Emily Cody**, grateful to God for the unexpected gifts of her and Jacob's dog, Mavis, and of finding and becoming part of the NPCC and NPU communities
- **family and friends of Fran Fostey**, who passed away January 27 after a brief battle with cancer
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 T-cell lymphoma
- **Jane Swanson-Nystrom**, recuperating after a lumpectomy procedure on February 5
- **Eileen Thorpe**, at Brandel Care Center for rehab
- **John Goode**, receiving physical and occupational therapy for muscle weakness and being monitored for low heart rate
- **family and friends of Adam Griswold**, who passed away in early January
- Janice Finney's mother, **Shirley**, making strides toward improvement as her leg heals
- **Darlene Johnson**, recovering from a badly broken arm
- Pastor Libby's four-year-old nephew, **Mo Johnson-Collins**, being monitored for a few months related to two benign masses on his liver
- **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; and for 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 degenerative bone disease
- **Mercedes**, nine-year-old daughter of Rachel and James Ventress, diagnosed with a form of epilepsy

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, February 16

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
4:20 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 17

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)
8:15 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, February 18

10 am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
6 pm	Gather Simple Supper (Parlors)
7 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)
4:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)

Saturday, February 21

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10 am	LT Scandinavian Club Rehearsal (Parlors)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
12:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Coffeehouse (Parlors)

Sunday, February 22 - The First Sunday in Lent

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

2026 Easter Memorials/Honoraria

You are invited to honor or memorialize a loved one, either with a flowering plant or a monetary gift. This year's donations will go toward The Friendship Center. Whether you choose one option or both, your name/s will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5. *The deadline to submit a form is Wednesday, February 25.*



- I/We would like to order _____ Easter plant/s at \$25/plant.
- I/We would like to donate to support The Friendship Center.

Check Cash Online

Amount paid: \$ _____

Please note: If paying online for a plant and making a donation, separate transactions must be done, selecting Flowers or The Friendship Center from the drop-down menu. A paper form must be submitted to the office, regardless of payment method.

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Your name/s, as you would like it/them listed in the bulletin:

Phone

Email

Please place this form and your payment (if not paying online) in the offering plate or bring them to the church office. Thank you!

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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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