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PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Hymnal Selection 228, arr. Lani Smith
Sam Parnin, Organ

+ LITURGY OF THE PALMS +

* READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ellen Kogstad, Reader
Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 227

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

Hosanna filio David
(Hosanna to the Son of David)

Tomas Luis De Victoria
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Hosanna filio David:
benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis!

Hosanna to the son of David:
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

* HYMN 229

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

+ LITURGY OF THE PASSION +

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:11-54

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we come before you this morning offering our confessions and seeking your forgiveness. We are sorry for the times in which we have acted like Judas; succumbing to the temptation of earthly gain over faithfulness to you. We are sorry for the times in which our lives have mirrored Peter's; times in which we have been embarrassed, ashamed, or afraid to admit our allegiance to you. And Jesus, we are sorry for the times in which we have simply not been awake enough to hear your voice or heed your call. Lord, forgive us, and set us back on the path toward you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Song Is Love Unknown
John Ireland, arr. James Kirkby

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need, his life did spend.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dear Church, hear the Good News: Christ was born into the world for you. Christ died for you. Christ forgives you. Christ loves you. Let us live as the loved and forgiven people that we are. Amen.

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Cornerstone

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin,

Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury

Led by Rosie Boyd, Chris Hickey, Anders Johnson,

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Mark Hayes

Brian Ward, Piano

* Responsive Hymn 114, verse 1

God Loved the World So That He Gave

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 230

Go to Dark Gethsemane

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glory Be to Jesus

Robert A. Hobby

*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.*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you Re - deem - er, King,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:

You are the king of Is - ra - el, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 the peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went,
 as you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the praise we bring,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed one!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King! 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

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel ar - mies
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and fierc - est
 5 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride

san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road
 on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin
 of the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes
 strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne
 on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain,

with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 o'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
 to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign. A - men.

Cornerstone

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin,
Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury

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F B \flat

5 F B \flat C

My hope is built on no - thing less than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness.
My hope is built on no - thing less than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness.
When dark - ness seems to hide His face, I rest in His un - chang - ing grace.

9 Dm F B \flat C F

I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' name.
I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' name.
In e - very high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.

13 B \flat C B \flat C

Christ a - lone, Cor - ner - stone. Weak made strong in Sa - viour's love. Through the

18 B \flat C to Coda 1. F 2. F

storm, He is Lord, Lord of all all.

22 Dm B \flat C D.S. al Coda

He is Lord. Lord of all Christ a -

27 F Coda

all. Lord of all.

114 God Loved the World So That He Gave

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your
 4 Glo - ry to God— the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fer'd death; all that con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer; Christ Je - sus saves your
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 soul from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly! A - men.

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained.
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour.
 O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.

Turn not from his griefs a - way— learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss— learn of him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry— learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

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.

Upcoming Memorial Services:

A memorial service for **Jack Lundbom**, who passed away on February 17, will take place in our sanctuary tomorrow, March 30, at 1 pm, followed by a reception in the parlors.

A memorial service for **Lee Horten**, who passed away on December 10, 2025, will be held on Saturday, April 18, at 2 pm at Covenant Living of Northbrook (2625 Techny Rd., Northbrook). Donations may be sent to the North Park University Chemistry Scholarship Fund (3225 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60625).

All are invited to attend these celebrations of life and to bear witness to the resurrection.

Save the Date! Linnea Olfelt and Ben Holda invite you to share in their joy as they are married in our sanctuary on Saturday, April 18. The ceremony will begin at 1 pm, followed by a light reception in the parlors. All are invited!

Film Screening & Book Discussion: The documentary *Ben Between Africa and Holly Berkley Fletcher's book *The Missionary Kids** open a dialogue about growing up between cultures, the legacy of missionary movements, and the search for belonging. Join us on April 25 at 6:30 pm for a special screening, followed by a discussion with Berkley Fletcher. For more information or tickets, [click here](#).

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, April 5:**

Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Represent North Park Covenant Church! Delegates are still needed for the ECC's Annual Meeting, Gather 2026, in Scottsdale, AZ, June 25-27. Virtual attendance is an option, if you're unable to travel. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact one of the co-pastors or co-chairs.

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!

for your prayers this week

- **Community prayer:** People struggling with their mental health
- **We lament the violent destruction of life** happening in the Middle East, and we pray for real and abiding peace in the land, and for our military and their families in the midst of the dangerous and scary time.
- **Betty Boyd**, Jon's mother, hospitalized this past Thursday for a collapsed lung and low oxygen levels
- **Kensey Colon**, anticipating a consultation on March 31 pertaining to two masses in her stomach
- Zeynab's daughter, **Soofia**, seeing movement on a decision regarding her release from the detention center she has been in for the past many months
- **David Bromley**, recuperating well after having two stents inserted last week, and for **Julie**, as she cares for him
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, home after a time in the hospital with another bout of pneumonia
- **Sandy Edstrom**, as she continues to experience painful sciatica
- **Eileen Thorpe**, praying for wisdom and discernment for next steps of care
- **Phil Johnson**, home again after a time at Brandel Care Center following hip-replacement surgery
- **Barb and John Goode**, while John is at Alden Northshore for rehab
- **Tami Losey**, Marti Hindaileh's sister, whose biopsy was benign, but whose doctors still can't pinpoint the source of the pain she's experiencing
- **Ann Marie Strom**, undergoing infusions for melanoma
- **K and A Simmons**, for whom we've received an anonymous request for prayer
- **Darlene Johnson**, recovering from a badly broken wrist
- 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

Join Us for Holy Week

at North Park Covenant Church



March 29: Palms and Passion Sunday

9:15 am: Palm procession through the neighborhood

9:30 am: All-church breakfast in the parlors

10:30 am: Worship service containing a Liturgy of Palms and a Liturgy of Passion



April 2, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday

All are invited to join us for a Maundy Thursday worship service, which will include the Lord's Supper and a chance to participate in the washing of feet.



April 3, 7 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae

We invite you to return on Friday for a service of shadows, during which we will hear the story of Jesus' journey to the cross in Word and song.



April 5: Easter Sunday

9:15 am: All-church breakfast in the parlors

10:30 am: We join together in worship and praise of the risen Jesus!

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, April 1

10 am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
7 pm	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)

Thursday, April 2

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, April 3

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)
7 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 4

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

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

9:15 am	All-church Breakfast (Parlors)
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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