



**NORTH PARK  
COVENANT CHURCH**

JUNE 21, 2026  
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PRELUDE

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
arr. Victor Labenske  
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

Libby Piotrowski and Jeanette Mottl  
Jessie Campbell, Exodus World Service



\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.**

**You are my God;**

be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all day long.

**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

**For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**

\* OPENING SONG

Good to Me  
Craig Musseau

Led by Anders Johnson, Samantha Johnson, and Brian Ward

\* 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.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Emily Cody, Reader  
Genesis 21:8-21  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Mary Chase-Ziolek

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shine On Us

Deborah D. Smith, Michael W. Smith

1996 Deer Valley Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
Sony/ATV Milene Music (Admin. by Sony/ATV Music Publishing)

Joel Piotrowski, Tenor

Maria Ward, Soprano

Lord, let your light, light of your face,  
shine on us. (Repeat)

That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night.  
Let your light shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand,  
fall on us. (Repeat)

That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night.  
Let your grace fall on us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end,  
come over us. (Repeat)

That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night.  
Let your love come over us.

Let your light shine on us.

MESSAGE

Jeanette Mottl

\* HYMN 71

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

Fantasy on "When Morning Gilds the Sky"

Dan R. Edwards

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 78

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks  
arr. Lani Smith

*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.*

# Good to Me

Craig Musseau

1990 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Integrity Music)  
Vineyard Songs Canada (Admin. by Integrity Music)



I cry out for your hand of mer-cy to heal me. I am



weak, and I need Your love to free me. O Lord, my rock, my

1.



strength in weak - ness, come res - cue me, O Lord.



Lord. You are my hope. Your prom-ise nev - er fails



me, and my de - sire is to fol - low You for - ev -



er. For You are good, for You are good, for You are good to



me. For You are good, for You are good, for You are good to me.

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*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner and more grac-es for the good;  
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;  
 4 If our love were but more sim-ple, we would take him at his Word,

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.  
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.  
 and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Fredrick W. Faber, 1814-1863  
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée, 1858-1913

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 WELLESLEY

## 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, also containing chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

The second 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, also containing chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

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

The third 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, ending with a double bar line. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, also containing chords and single notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther! There is no  
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not: as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row—bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, great is thy faith-ful-ness, morn-ing by

GOD THE NURTURER

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the bass line is in the lower staff. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The melody continues in the upper staff, and the bass line continues in the lower staff. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

# *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](mailto: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.

**Staff away:** Pastor Libby will be away beginning tonight, June 21, and will return on Thursday, June 25. If you are in need of pastoral care in her absence, please reach out to Pastor Jeanette.

**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. They meet at 10 am each week, and this coming Saturday, you can join them at the intersection of Kedzie and Bryn Mawr. Please reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith at [rjonberber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjonberber@sbcglobal.net) for more details. All are welcome; no need to RSVP!

### **Lectionary texts for Sunday, June 28:**

Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

**Moving Day!** Pastor Jeff and family officially have a new place over on Spaulding, and next Sunday, June 28, is the day to move all of their boxes. If you have time and energy to help, it would be greatly appreciated. We'll meet at the old place (5355 N. Saint Louis) at 2 pm to load up a U-Haul truck, and we'll be done unloading at the new place (5254 N. Spaulding) no later than 5 pm. There will be snacks, cold beverages, and heaps of gratitude if you're able to join the work party.

**Neighborhood Nights coming in July!** Each Sunday in July, from 6-7:30 pm, we invite you to bring a friend and neighbor to the south garden for a time of fellowship with activities and treats for all. Feel free to bring your own picnic dinner and a blanket or chairs to sit on, or just come to hang out!

**Custodial Help Needed July 5:** Our custodian, Christian Schuetz, will be away on Sunday, July 5, and is in need of someone to open up the church and prepare it for the service, as well as close up afterward. If you're willing and able to volunteer in this way, please reach out to Christian directly. Thank you!

**It's time for another Chicago Dogs baseball game!** The game will take place at Impact Field in Rosemont at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 7. Tickets are \$17; [registration will close](#) this coming Tuesday, June 23. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeanette!

**A Call for Preschool Pictures and Memories:** As we celebrate the good work done by North Park Church Cooperative Preschool, we invite you to send in photos and memories of the Preschool over the years. Any photos and stories you would like to share can be emailed to Ann-Marie in the church office. We will collect these to share at a celebration in honor of the Preschool in the fall.

**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:** for the children and youth in our communities who are now out of school, that they will have a safe, fun, and restful summer
- **Sophia Schukas and Kajsa Ward**, on their way to camp this week
- **Eileen Thorpe**, on hospice and experiencing ongoing issues with her legs
- **Steve Brown and Jan Huber**, as Steve has decided not to pursue further treatment for cancer but will focus on palliative care and time with family and other loved ones
- Pastor Libby's parents, **Chris and Craig Johnson**, as Chris has a compression fracture in her vertebrae and still awaiting surgery, and Craig is still struggling with the side effects of chemo and very weak
- **Mary Ann Slaughter**, Rosemary's sister-in-law, recuperating after a recent fall in which she cracked her pelvis
- **Kurt and Cathy Norman Peterson and family**, mourning the passing of Kurt's dad, Norm, on May 22
- **Sandy Edstrom**, still struggling with sciatica pain
- **Kensey Colon**, undergoing chemotherapy treatments
- **Paula Schuetz**, anticipating major surgery on her left foot on August 17
- **Diane Haglund**, diagnosed with severe spinal stenosis
- **Ann Marie Strom**, continuing autoimmune infusions
- **Shirley Finney**, Janice Finney's mother, on hospice care
- **Sara Gortner**, Ann Boyd's mother, on hospice care
- **Craig Wickstrom**, Global Personnel to Congo, requests prayers for the people of Congo, especially as they fear the spread of Ebola

## The Church Calendar This Week

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

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### *Monday, June 22*

- 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, June 23*

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Wednesday, June 24*

- 7 pm Knit or Not (Location TBD)

### *Saturday, June 27*

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

### *Sunday, June 28*

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

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# WORLD REFUGEE SUNDAY

FAITH IN ACTION  
Sundays in June

EXODUS  
world service



## Join Us in Caring for Refugees!

Have you considered how you might be called to care for refugees in your community? Exodus equips Christians to walk alongside refugees who fled war and persecution in their home countries and are now rebuilding their lives in Chicagoland. We invite you to take a step toward caring for refugees.

You can:

**Serve.** Walk alongside a refugee child or adult through mentorship, English practice, "Kids Summer Club" etc... Learn more at [exodusworldservice.org/serve-chicago-area/](https://exodusworldservice.org/serve-chicago-area/).

**Pray.** Join our Prayer Partnership Team and uplift refugees with a weekly prayer letter sent to your inbox. Sign up at [exodusworldservice.org/pray-for-refugees/](https://exodusworldservice.org/pray-for-refugees/).

**Give.** Make a financial gift to expand hope and care to refugees through the ministry of Exodus at [exodusworldservice.org/give](https://exodusworldservice.org/give).

**Want to Learn More?** Use the QR code to find out more about who refugees are and how you can serve.



*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35)*

EXODUS  
world service

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## Missionaries We Support

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Peter and Anna Kim, Taiwan

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Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Regional Coordinators for Latin America

James and Rachel Ventress, Alaska

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## 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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