



**NORTH PARK  
COVENANT CHURCH**

JUNE 28, 2026  
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PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord  
Hymnal Selection 685, arr. Marianne Kim  
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel 2:20-22

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;

**wisdom and power are his.**

God changes times and seasons;

**sets up kings and deposes them.**

God gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning;

**reveals deep and hidden things.**

God knows what lies in darkness;

**light dwells with him.**

\* OPENING HYMN 56

For the Beauty of the Earth

*All sing verses 1, 3, and 5; women sing verse 2; and men sing verse 4.*

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

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Tony Pizarro, Reader

Psalter

Psalm 13

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:12-23

\* Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Christine Olfelt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cry No More

Dan Forrest

Jordan Pfeiffelman, Soprano

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home;  
where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan,  
all is not in vain, Beloved, our travail is not unknown.

*Chorus:* Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;  
Love Incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near.  
Deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear.  
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here. *Chorus*

Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend,  
Gift of glory, hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!  
Alleluia! Blest compassion, Grace is shining without end! *Chorus*

MESSAGE

Anders Johnson  
Genesis 22:1-14

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Your Love, Oh Lord  
Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark D. Lee, Tai Anderson  
Led by Anders Johnson, Samantha Johnson, and Sam Parnin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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

*O Store Gud* (How Great Thou Art)  
Hymnal Selection 8, arr. Jerry Ray

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 440

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare  
Kenneth Leighton

*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.*

## For the Beauty of the Earth

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*Descant*

5 For your-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly giv'n;

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the worth of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-th-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5 For your-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly giv'n;

for your love be-yond all time, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a-bove; for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:  
 for your love be-yond all time, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise. A-men.

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise. A-men.

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## 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*



## 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 melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of 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 from the first system. It maintains the same musical structure and key signature.

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

The third system of music concludes the piece. It features a final melodic phrase and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The key signature and time signature remain consistent with the previous systems.

## I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace 440

1 I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,  
 2 I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,  
 3 I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing me of sin,  
 4 I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

nor why, un-wor-ty, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.  
 nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.  
 re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.  
 nor if I walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.

*Refrain*

But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is

a-ble to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."

# *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.

**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 Sawyer 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!

**Moving Day is here!** Pastor Jeff and family officially have a new place over on Spaulding, and today 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.

**The church office will be closed** on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. We will re-open on Monday, July 6.

**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!

**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 your 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 with the church at a celebration in honor of the Preschool in the fall.

**Car Needed for Missionary Family:** Covenant missionaries Fabio and Johnna Muniz and their two girls will be returning to the States, specifically the North Park neighborhood, for a year, beginning August 6. It will be really fun to have them around, and they hope to get involved at NPCC. They have secured housing for the month of August, but they are still in need of a car that fits four to borrow or rent for the year. If you are willing or able to consider this request, please reach out to Pastor Libby, and she will put you in contact with the Muniz family.

**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!

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

Genesis 24:34-38,  
42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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*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
- **Oskar Almer, Indigo Berg, Sienna Berg, Ezra Birney, Johanna Frisk, Cora Fulton, Bjorn Johnson, Talitha Kiltz, Stella Learn, Keegan Lee, Desmond Lindstrom, Jack Nelson, Rhys Ondrey, Alyssa Rodriguez, Suelexia Rodriguez, Ajna Salihovic, Nizar Spinner, Rafi Spinner, Annalisa Ward, Erik Ward, and James Wargaski,** heading to camp this week
- **Jan Huber, Danielle Ng, and Noah Brown and families,** mourning the passing of husband and father Steve Brown on June 21
- **Janice Finney and family,** as they mourn the passing of her mother, Shirley, on June 25
- Pastor Libby's parents, **Chris and Craig Johnson,** as Chris has a compression fracture in her vertebrae and is still awaiting surgery, and Craig has taken a turn for the worse
- **Diane Haglund,** who will undergo a series of shots in preparation for back surgery in October
- **Eileen Thorpe** asks for prayer related to ongoing issues with her legs
- **Sandy Edstrom,** still struggling with sciatica pain
- **Kensey Colon,** as she goes through chemotherapy
- **Paula Schuetz,** anticipating major surgery on her left foot on August 17
- **Sara Gortner,** Ann Boyd's mother, on hospice care

## 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 29*

- 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 30*

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Wednesday, July 1*

- 7 pm Knit or Not (Location TBD)

### *Friday, July 3 - Office Closed*

### *Saturday, July 4*

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

### *Sunday, July 5*

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

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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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