



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

JULY 12, 2026
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PRELUDE

Bless Now Your Chosen Ones
Hymnal Selection 631, arr. Cindy Berry
Sam Parnin, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski
Ann Boyd, Writer in Residence

Moment for Mission



* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I've committed myself, and I'll never turn back from living by your righteous order.

Everything's falling apart on me, God; put me together again with your Word.

Adorn me with your finest sayings, God; teach me your holy rules.

The wicked do their best to throw me off track, but I have inherited your book on living;
it's mine forever—what a gift! And how happy it makes me!

I concentrate on doing exactly what you say—I always have and always will.

Amen.

* OPENING SONG 524

Thy Word

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

* 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

Karen Darelius, Reader
Genesis 25:19-34

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:1-11

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Christine Olfelt

SPECIAL MUSIC

There Is a Balm in Gilead
arr. Mark Hayes
Ann Boyd, Soprano

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain;
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

MESSAGE

Martha Berg

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Not Be Shaken

Norm Strauss

Led by Anders Johnson, Samantha Johnson,
Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

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.

Offertory

All Creatures of Our God and King
Hymnal Selection 55, arr. Pepper Choplin
Brian Ward, Piano

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 4

God of Creation, All-Powerful

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional
John Turner
Brian Ward, Piano

Please remain seated for the postlude.

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

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my

path.

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for-get your love for me and yet my

still you're there right be-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as
heart for-ev-er is wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide and

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

D.C. al Fine

THE LORD'S PRAYER

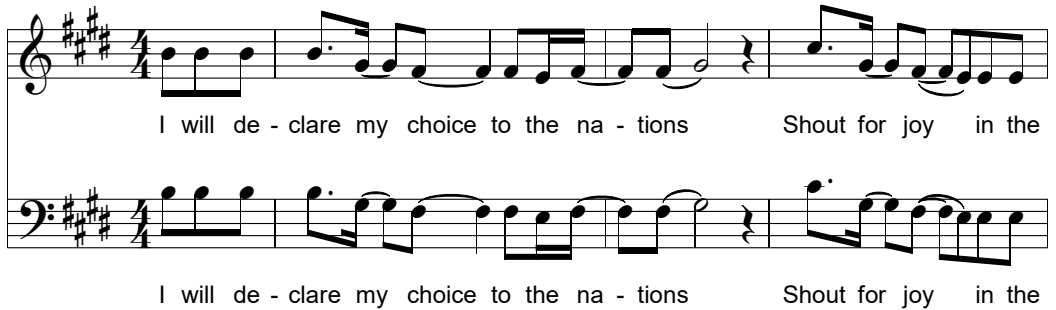
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Traditional

Not Be Shaken

Norm Strauss

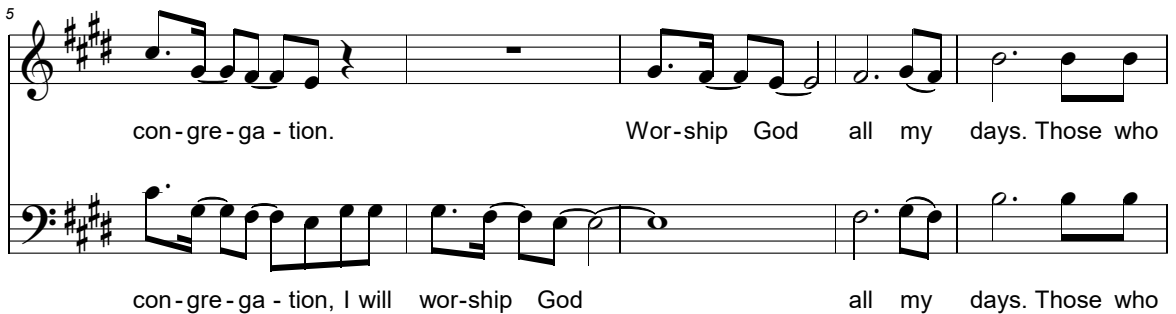
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The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, and C5, then a quarter note B4, and a half note A4. The bass staff begins with a quarter note G3, followed by eighth notes F3, E3, and D3, then a quarter note C3, and a half note B2. The lyrics are: 'I will de - clare my choice to the na - tions Shout for joy in the'.



5 con-gre-ga - tion. Wor-ship God all my days. Those who

con-gre-ga - tion, I will wor-ship God all my days. Those who

The second system starts at measure 5. The treble staff has a whole rest in measure 5, followed by a quarter note G4, eighth notes A4, B4, and C5, then a quarter note B4, and a half note A4. The bass staff continues with a quarter note G3, eighth notes F3, E3, and D3, then a quarter note C3, and a half note B2. The lyrics are: 'con-gre-ga - tion. Wor-ship God all my days. Those who'.



10 love the Lord are sa - tis-fied, those who trust in Him are just - ti-fied

love the Lord are sa - tis-fied, those who trust in Him are jus - ti-fied I will

The third system starts at measure 10. The treble staff has a quarter note G4, eighth notes A4, B4, and C5, then a quarter note B4, and a half note A4. The bass staff continues with a quarter note G3, eighth notes F3, E3, and D3, then a quarter note C3, and a half note B2. The lyrics are: 'love the Lord are sa - tis-fied, those who trust in Him are just - ti-fied'.

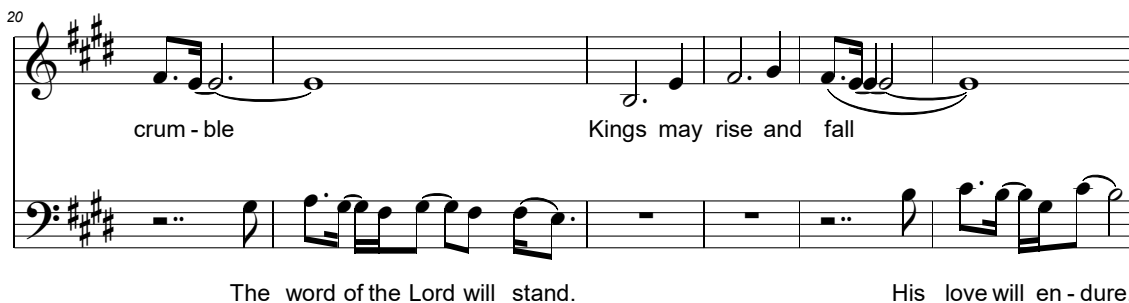
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serve my God all my days. When the na - tions

serve my God all my days.

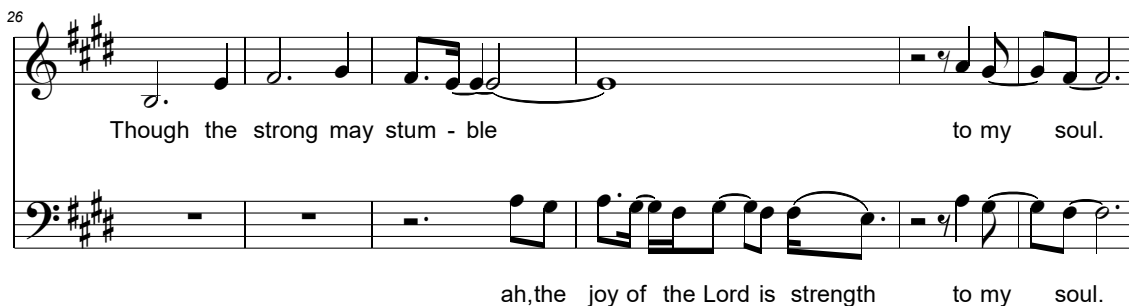
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crum - ble Kings may rise and fall

The word of the Lord will stand. His love will en - dure.

26



Though the strong may stum - ble to my soul.

ah, the joy of the Lord is strength to my soul.

32



I will not be shak - en. I will not be moved. I will not be shak - en.

I will not be shak - en. I will not be moved. I will not be shak - en.

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 a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with 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 has a melodic line with some dotted rhythms, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a concluding accompaniment. The piece ends with a double bar line.

God of Creation, All-Powerful

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In unison

1 God of cre - a - tion, all - pow'r - ful, all - wise, Lord of the
 2 God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years you are the
 3 God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth, called out your
 4 God of your peo - ple, your Word still stands fast; do for us
 5 God of our now, all our trust is in you, cov - e - nant

u - ni - verse, rich with sur - prise, Mak - er, Sus - tain - er, and
 one in whom his - t'ry co - heres; na - tions and em - pires your
 church from the ends of the earth, still you are Sav - ior, put
 now as you've done in the past! Yours is the king - dom, your
 God, ev - er faith - ful and true; sov - 'reign Cre - a - tor, Re -

Rul - er of all, we are your chil - dren—you hear when we call.
 pur - pose ful - fill, mov - ing in free - dom, yet work - ing your will.
 dark - ness to flight; o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!
 tri - umph we claim, chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.
 deem - er, and Lord, now and for - ev - er your name be a - dored!

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. They meet at 10 am each week, and this coming Saturday, you can join them at the intersection of Sawyer and Balmoral. Please reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith at rjonberber@sbcglobal.net for more details. All are welcome; no need to RSVP!

Help us Create a New Church Cookbook!

Ann Boyd, our Writer in Residence, hopes to gather beloved recipes for a new church cookbook. Can you share a favorite recipe or two from you or your family? Please include:

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, July 19:**
Genesis 28:10-29a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

- the recipe (including ingredients and directions);
- a few sentences that tell a story of the recipe—help us to understand how this recipe holds meaning in your life, in your family, or in the life of our church; or
- optional: an illustration of the recipe! You can sketch the ingredients, the finished product, or something else.

Please send submissions to annboyd@gmail.com with the subject line “North Park Cookbook” before October 1, 2026. Thanks!

Take a peek at Ann's writings on creativity and spirituality at annboyd.substack.com.

Neighborhood Nights 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 activities and treats. 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 photos and memories of the Preschool over the years. Please email any photos or stories you'd like to share to Ann-Marie in the church office. We'll collect these to share at a celebration 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:** the owners, employees, and patrons of these establishments.
- the people of Venezuela, following two major earthquakes on June 24
- **Covenant Harbor Bible Camp**, which sustained damage in storms on July 3
- **the Lake Geneva, WI, community**, mourning the loss of three children who died when the boat they were in capsized in a sudden storm on Geneva Lake on July 3
- Pastor Libby's mom, **Chris Johnson**, to undergo back surgery this coming Tuesday, and her dad, **Craig Johnson**, who remains hospitalized
- **Ann Marie Strom**, recuperating after having another immunotherapy infusion last Tuesday and awaiting a meeting with a rheumatologist, as she has developed some joint pain related to the infusions
- **John Goode**, recovering at home after a fall in which he hit his head
- **Reggie**, a tenant in Rosemary Slaughter's building, recuperating after open heart surgery last week
- **Rich Blazyk**, Joel Piotrowski's brother-in-law, hospitalized with a broken hip, a UTI, and pneumonia
- Michael Shawn Sanders' dad, **Wilburn, and his wife, Trudy**, as Wilburn's health has been declining in the last few months and Trudy is his main caregiver
- **Jan Huber and family**, mourning the passing of Steve Brown on June 21
- **Janice Finney and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Shirley, on June 25
- **Diane Haglund**, who will undergo a series of shots over the next few months in preparation for back surgery in October
- **Eileen Thorpe**, on hospice and experiencing ongoing issues with her legs
- **Sandy Edstrom**, still struggling with sciatica pain
- **Kensey Colon**, as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments
- **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

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

Monday, July 13

- 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, July 14

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, July 15

- 7 pm Knit or Not (Location TBD)

Friday, July 17

- 5:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Mental Health Workshop (Parlors)

Saturday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 19

- 10:30 am Worship (Parlors)
- 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

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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