



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

AUGUST 2, 2026
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PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Hymnal Selection 68,
arr. Howard Helvey, Brian Ward
Maria Ward, Flute
Brian Ward, Piano
Lauren Wargaski, Violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeanette Mottl and Jeff Hunter



* CALL TO WORSHIP

Habakkuk 2:20

The Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him!

Together we will keep silence for five deep breaths before we sing the opening hymn.

* OPENING HYMN 469

How Can I Keep from Singing?

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

* 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.

Jon Boyd, Reader
Genesis 32:22-31
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Hymnal Selection 91, arr. Mark Hayes, Brian Ward

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Same God

Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Pat Barrett, Steven Furtick

Led by Anders Johnson, Jeanette Mottl, Sam Parnin,

Brian Ward, Maria Ward, and Lauren Wargaski

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*All who believe in Christ and desire to live a life directed by the Holy Spirit are invited
to come forward to participate in this sacrament. Gluten-free elements are available.*

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music

There Is a Fountain
arr. Cindy Berry

The Old Rugged Cross
Hymnal Selection 235, arr. Jerry Ray
Sam Parnin, Piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown
arr. Larry Shackley

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 472

Now, Anxious Heart, Awake from Your Sadness

* SUNG BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Rick Carlson

POSTLUDE

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy
Hymnal Selection 324, arr. Mark Hayes

Please remain seated for the postlude.

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

Prayer is offered in the coffee lounge after the service.

How Can I Keep from Singing?

In unison F Gm/F

1 My life flows on in end - less song a -
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a

F/A Gm 9/C C7 F

bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real, though
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing; it sounds and ech - oes
 hear their death - knells ring - ing; when friends re - joice both
 foun - tain ev - er spring - ing. All things are mine since

Gm/F F/C Gm 9/C C F *Refrain (in harmony)*

far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; how can I keep from sing - ing? No
 far and near, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 I am his; how can I keep from sing - ing?

F C7/G F/A F C7 F

storm can shake my in - most calm, while to that rock I'm

VICTORY IN CONFLICT

F C7/G F/A F B $\flat$ F
 cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how

F/C Gm9/C C7 F *Ending*
 can I keep from sing - ing?

Same God

Pat Barrett, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Brandon Lake

Brandon Lake Music
Maverick City Publishing Worldwide
Capitol CMG Genesis
Housefires Sounds
Music by Elevation Worship Publishing
Bethel Music Publishing

A

I'm call - ing on the God of Ja - cob,
I'm call - ing on the God of Mo - ses,

3 A D/A A

whose love en - dures through gen - er - a - tions.
the one who o - pened up the o - cean.

5 F#m7 D9

I know that You will keep Your co - ve - nant.
I need You now to do the same thing for me

7 A E/G# F#m7 E

O God, my God, I need You. O God, my God, I need You

10 D9 Esus

now. How I need You now.

12 A E/G# F#m7 E

O Rock, O Rock of a - ges. I'm stand - ing on Your faith - ful -

14 D9 A/C# D9

- - - ness.

Fine

16 A D A A

I'm call - ing on the God of Mar - y,
I'm call - ing on the God of Dav - id,

18 A D A A

whose fa - vor rests u - pon the low - ly.
who made a shep - herd boy cour - a - geous.

20 1. F#m7 D9

I know with You all things are poss - i - ble

22 2. F#m7 D9 D.S. al Coda

I may not face Go - li - ath, but I've got my own gi - ants!

24 Coda D E F#m7

You heard Your chil - dren then, You hear Your chil-dren now.
You an - swered prayers back then, and You will an - swer now.
You were pro - vid - ing then, You are pro - vid - ing now.
You moved in pow - er then, God, move in po - wer now.
You were a heal - er then, You are a heal - er now.

27 D9

You are the same God. You are the same God.

29 F#m7 E D9 A D9 Bm7 D.S. al Fine

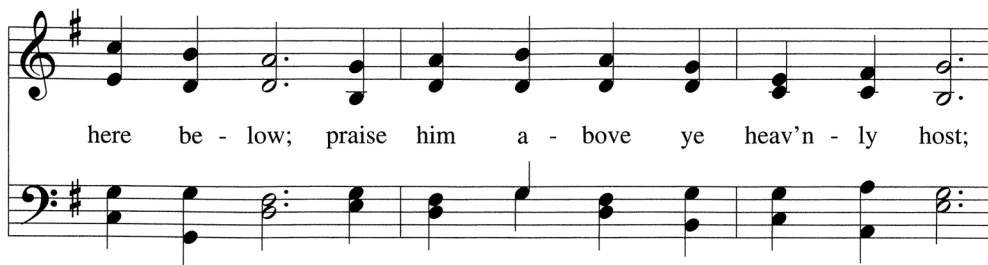
You were asav-ior then, You are asav-ior now. You are the same God. You are the same God.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48



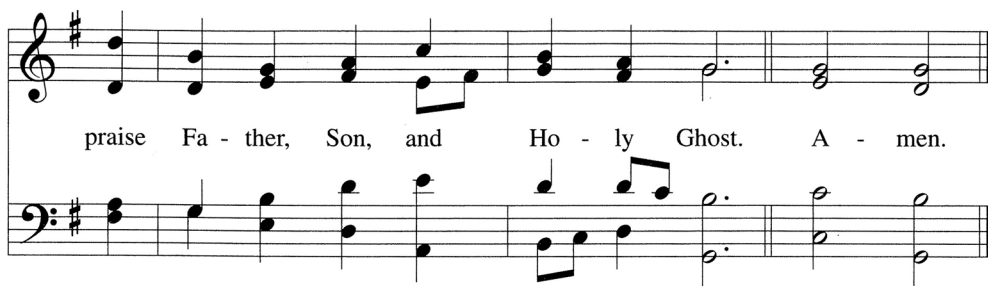
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody in the treble staff consists 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 includes a dotted half note and a half note, while the bass staff features a variety of chordal textures.



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

The third system concludes the hymn. The treble staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The bass staff also concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

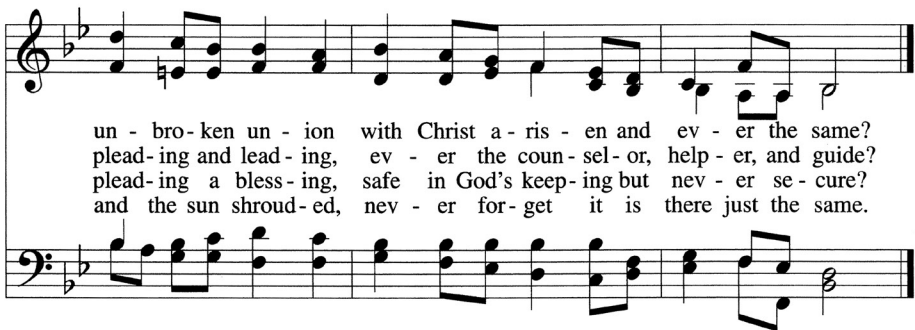
Now, Anxious Heart, Awake from Your Sadness 472



1 Now, anx-ious heart, a - wake from your sad-ness, have you for-
 2 Is God not still your heav - en - ly Fa - ther, has Je - sus
 3 Are not the saints a tri - fle con - fus - ing, they speak of
 4 So, anx-ious heart, a - wake from your sad-ness, rise to re -



got - ten the things that re - main: grace and com - mun - ion,
 changed since he suf - fered and died? Is not the Spir - it,
 joy but great tri - als en - dure, king - doms pos - sess - ing,
 mem - ber your bless - ings to claim. Though skies be cloud - ed



un - bro - ken un - ion with Christ a - ris - en and ev - er the same?
 plead - ing and lead - ing, ev - er the coun - sel - or, help - er, and guide?
 plead - ing a bless - ing, safe in God's keep - ing but nev - er se - cure?
 and the sun shroud - ed, nev - er for - get it is there just the same.

The Lord Bless You

Rick Carlson

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to

5 shine up-on you and be gra-cious, gra-cious, gra-cious to

9 you. The Lord lift up his coun-tenance up-on

13 you and give you, give you, give you peace. The

19 Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine up-on you and be

23 gra-cious, gra-cious, gra-cious to you. The

27 Lord lift up his coun-tenance up-on you and

31 give you, give you, give you peace.

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.

Today is a Benevolence Sunday. Members of the Deacon Board will be at the doors after the service to receive any donations to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community.

If giving digitally is more your style, this QR code will take you directly to our on-line giving portal. It's a great pathway 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 Jeff will be away from Tuesday, August 4, through Monday, August 10. Ann-Marie will be away from Wednesday, August 5, through Friday, August 14.

Members and friends are invited to be a part of a Saturday-morning trash brigade, working to clean up an area of our community. They meet at 10 am each week, and this coming Saturday, you can join them at the intersection of Spaulding and Catalpa. 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? Please include:

- 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.

Ann has already received several submissions including recipes, poetry, a brief story, and a chart! We're loving all the variety. Keep them coming! Please send submissions to annboyd@gmail.com with the subject line "North Park Cookbook" before October 1, 2026. Thanks! And take a peek at Ann's writings on creativity and spirituality at annboyd.substack.com.

Friendship Center to be Rebranded: In December 2025, The Friendship Center was awarded the Good Egg Grant from Design B&B to update their branding during 2026. Throughout the process, the Design B&B team has had interviews with stakeholders, held focus groups, and conducted market research about The Friendship Center to develop two new possible branding concepts.

They are eager to share the concepts with you and ask for your honest and open feedback to help the Design B&B team make further changes to showcase who The Friendship Center is to its community. [Please click here](#) to see the images up close, and to take the survey. Thank you for your input!

We have a new Little Free Library near the east entry to the south garden! Please feel free to bring a book to add or borrow one you find there. Thanks to James Edstrom for his work to bring this idea to life!

We always welcome people who are willing to hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Please click here](#) to put your name down for a Sunday or two—thank you!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, August 9:**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Women of the church are invited to attend a Bible study focusing on Genesis, chapters 1 through 22, starting in September and going through May. This Bible study meets at Church of Christ Presbyterian (5845 N Spaulding Ave) on Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am, and children's classes are available. Details can be found at chicagometro.cbsclass.org. If you're interested or if you have questions, please reach out to Martha Berg (773-501-8291) or

Valerie Sanchez Lucco (734-834-7726).

Housing Needed: Karen Hinz, chaplain at Covenant Living of Northbrook, is helping her 27-year-old son, Alan, find a place to live for the upcoming academic year, as he will be transferring to Northwestern Illinois University to study computer science. Ideally, he would be able to stay for the two years it will take for him to complete his bachelor's degree. Do you know of someplace he could rent for part or all of this time? If so, please reach out to Karen directly at 262-745-7020. Thank you!

2026 is the 50th-anniversary year for the Swedish-American Museum, and on Saturday, August 15, they'll be holding a ['70s night Retro Party!](#) This 21-and-older event will be held at the museum from 6-10 pm. If you're unable to attend but still wish to support the museum, you can [become a member!](#)

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 to Ann-Marie in the church office any photos or stories you'd like to share. We'll collect these to share at a celebration of the Preschool in the fall.

for your prayers this week

- **Community prayer:** the Hollywood-North Park Community Association and the North Park and Albany Park Mutual Aid groups and the ways they are actively serving our community.
- **family and friends of Bill Hartley**, former member here who passed away July 15 in Seattle
- **Eugenio Restrepo**, regional global personnel coordinator for Latin America, recuperating well following a medical procedure
- Kevin and Susan Guttormsen's daughter and son-in-law, **Karyn and Tyler Weiss**, mourning the loss of Kolt Jeffrey, whom Karyn was due to deliver in early August
- **Paula Schuetz**, to have major surgery on her left foot on August 17
- Libby's mom, **Chris Johnson**, who now has two more compression fractures in her back; Libby's dad, **Craig**, now in skilled-nursing rehab
- Michael Shawn Sanders' Aunt **Maureen**, who is 80 and struggling with the effects of Alzheimer's, and her husband, **Lee** (83), who is her sole caregiver
- **Ryan and Sara Wendt**, whose new church is carrying a lot of pain from the past
- **Mary Ann Ahlgren**, recuperating at Brandel Care Center after surgery to repair her hip, which was injured in a fall
- **Ann Marie Strom**, to see another specialist and undergo more testing
- **Rich Blazyk**, Joel Piotrowski's brother-in-law, moved to a nursing home for long-term care
- **Diane Haglund**, undergoing 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**, undergoing chemotherapy treatments
- **Sara Gortner**, Ann Boyd's mother, on hospice care

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The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, August 3

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| 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, August 4

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| 6 pm | Cudahy Basketball (Gym) |
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Wednesday, August 5

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| 10 am | Youth Ministry Six Flags Trip (Meet in South Garden) |
| 7 pm | Knit or Not (Location TBD) |

Saturday, August 8

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

Sunday, August 9

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| 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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