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PRELUDE

Bound for the Kingdom
Anthony Giamanco
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Moment for Mission

Jeff Hunter and Jeanette Mottl
Lauren Diaz from The Friendship Center



* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 19

We lift our hearts and give thanks, for the heavens are telling the glory of God!

Day to day the earth pours forth the goodness of God.

God's law revives our souls, and God's commands enlighten our eyes.

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be
acceptable to our Creator, our Redeemer and our Rock.**

Let all God's people around the world lift up our hearts and praise the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN 698

Your Kingdom Come, O Father

* 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

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

Titus Kyles, Reader

Exodus 20:1-20

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Build My Life

Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

Led by Acacia Gin, Anders Johnson, Samantha Johnson,

Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Lauren Wargaski

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Ann Boyd

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

Prayer for Peace
David Cherwien
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

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 participate in this sacrament. The bread is gluten-free.*

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music

Abide in Me
William H. Monk
arr. David Ferreira
Sandy Edstrom, Piano
Lauren Wargaski, Violin

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Hymnal Selection 408, arr. Bill Ingram
Chancel Handbell Choir, Sam Parnin, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN

Prayer for Peace

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Music by Brian Ward

POSTLUDE

Toccatina
Ramón Noble
Sam Parnin, Organ

*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.*

Your Kingdom Come, O Father

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1 Your king - dom come, O Fa - ther, to earth's re - mot - est shore.
 2 On all who lift your ban - ner, your bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
 3 Your love with - in us quick - en; in - crease it day by day,
 4 The des - ert, as you prom - ised, shall blos - som far and near;

Your ho - ly fire en - kin - dle and let it flame the more.
 let all, your cross be - hold - ing, in hum - ble faith bend low.
 that we, our - selves de - ny - ing, may find in you the way.
 and through earth's mists and shad - ows the sun's mild rays ap - pear.

Your ser - vants send to la - bor where liv - ing har - vests grow,
 O make your Church, dear Sav - ior, a wit - ness true and clear,
 You once left all, O Sav - ior, a thorn - y path to tread;
 For that blest day we wait, Lord, when doubts and dark - ness gone,

that all, your truth re - ceiv - ing, your sav - ing grace may know.
 your sav - ing death pro - claim - ing, that all the world may hear.
 help us to fol - low glad - ly, wher - ev - er you may lead.
 we wit - ness earth's re - demp - tion, and sum - mer morn shall dawn.

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 LANCASHIRE

A higher setting can be found at 429.

Build My Life

Patt Barrett, Matt Redman, Brett Younker, Kirby Maple, Karl Martin

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Wor - thy of e-v'ry song we could e-ver sing Wor - thy of all the praise



we could e-ver bring Wor - thy of e-v'ry breath we could e-ver breathe, we live for You



Je - sus the name a - bove e - v'ry o - ther name



Je - sus the on - ly one who could e-ver save Wor - thy of e-v'ry breath



we could e-ver breathe, we live for You. Oh, we live for You.



Holy, there is no one like You; there is none be - side You. O - pen up my eyes in won - der, and



show me who You are and fill me with Your love and lead me in Your love to those a - round me.



I will build my life u - pon Your love; it is a firm foun - da - tion.



I will put my trust in You a - lone, and I will not be sha - ken



Ho-ly, there is no one like You; there is none be - side You. O-pen up my eyes in won - der, and



show me who You are and fill me with Your love and lead me in Your love to those a - round me.



I will build my life u - pon Your love; it is a firm foun - da - tion.



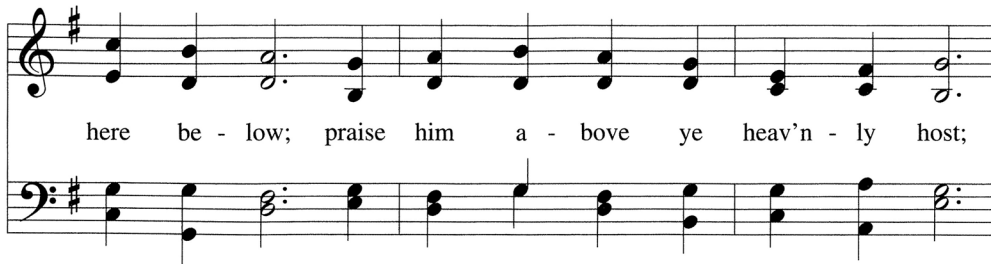
I will put my trust in You a - lone, and I will not be sha - ken.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48



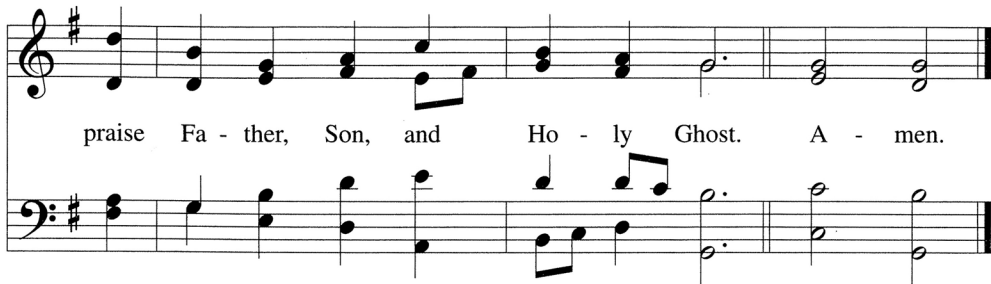
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature, providing 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 features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff uses chords and single notes to support the melody.



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

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff also concludes with a double bar line. The melody and accompaniment are consistent with the previous systems.

For the first annual conference on liturgy at Mount Olive Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 2003

Prayer for Peace

Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, *alt.*

Based on *OLIVE*
by David M. Cherwien



Women: 1. O God of love, O King of peace, Make
Men: 2. Re - mem - ber, Lord, thy works of old, The
All: 3. Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where



wars through-out the world to cease; The
won - ders that thy peo - ple told; Re -
rest but on thy faith - ful word? None



wrath of na - tions now re - strain. Give
mem - ber not our sin's dark stain. Give
ev - er called on thee in vain. Give



peace, O God, give peace a - gain.
peace, O God, give peace a - gain!
peace, O God, give peace a - gain!

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.



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.

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.

Today's the deadline for recipe submissions! Ann Boyd has received a lot of beloved recipes for a new church cookbook, but she'd still love to have yours! If you haven't sent yours in yet, today's the day! 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—sketch the ingredients, finished product, or something else.

Please send submissions to annboyd@gmail.com with the subject line “North Park Cookbook” by the end of the day today. Thanks!

Join Us at Feed My Starving Children! Join us this coming Wednesday, October 7, to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville (742 E. Park Ave.)! We will meet at Culver's (803 E. Park Ave.) for dinner at 6 pm before we pack meals from 7:15 to 8:45 pm. [Use this link to register!](#) Please note that this event will take place instead of Gather dinner and music rehearsals. Reach out to Pastor Jeanette if you have any questions or need help with transportation.

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 Kimball and Balmoral. Please reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith at rjonberber@sbcglobal.net for more details. All are welcome; no need to RSVP!

The Board of Christian Formation invites you to a Unite fundraiser! Do people request your deviled eggs by name? Is your Swedish meatball recipe basically a family heirloom? Could your brownie bites win the Great British Baking Show? Or do you just love a good appetizer or sweet treat? Then you'll want to join us for our second Small Plates Showdown! Bring your bite-sized creation and enjoy a night of great food, friendly competition, and prizes. All proceeds will support Unite scholarships, helping make Unite possible for more students. If you register to bring a dish, Jeanette will reach out to you with more details. [Please register by Saturday, October 17](#), whether you plan to enter a dish or not!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, October 11:**

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Do you need offering envelopes for 2027? Each year, we order offering envelopes for those members and friends who wish to use them for their weekly giving. If you received envelopes last year and wish to receive them again this year, you do not need to do anything. However, if you received them last year and do not wish to continue receiving them, or if you did not receive them last year and do want to receive them for next year, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the church office by Tuesday, October 20, to let her know. Thank you!

It's time to bike for Congo! Did you know that some people in DR Congo travel more than 50 kilometers (31 miles) on a bicycle to a hospital, while sick or injured? And what's even harder to believe is that when they arrive at the hospital, limited medicines, clean water, medical training, or funds often prevent a person from getting better. But there's a way you can help!

Just as people in Congo travel over 50 km to get to a hospital, we are biking 50 km in October with the goal to raise \$50,000 for UCare4Congo, Paul Carlson Partnership's healthcare fund.

You're invited to join us! You have the whole month of October to complete 50 km (31 miles) and meet your fundraising goal. (If you don't bike, that's okay! You can walk, run, swim, kayak, whatever...!)

Here's how to get started:

1. Visit paulcarlson.org/biking4congo.
2. Select "Donate" or "Become A Fundraiser". Choose to raise funds as an individual or a team.
3. Invite your family and friends to sponsor your ride by using the online fundraising tools and sharing on social media.
4. Order t-shirts that also support the needs in DR Congo.
5. Share your individual and team updates with your sponsors.
6. Ride 50 km (31 miles) in October and celebrate your success on Paul Carlson Partnership Sunday in November!

We look forward to Biking for Congo with you!

for your prayers this week

- **Community prayer:** those in our community struggling with their physical health; for people living with illness, injury, or chronic pain, we pray for strength, healing, and compassionate care
- the family of **John Hunter**, who passed away on October 2 at the age of 89, after a time on hospice
- Joel and Libby Piotrowski's nephew **Brandon Davis**, hospitalized following a series of seizures
- **the Thorpe, Olfelt, and Hosek families**, mourning the passing of Eileen Thorpe on September 17
- **Paula Schuetz**, who will undergo surgery on her ankle on October 12
- Marti Hindaileh's friend's mother, **Missy Baker**, battling with breast cancer and currently in the ICU
- **Ann Marie Strom**, now having a new infusion medication administered to help with severe pain
- **Rosemary Slaughter**, losing bone density in her left wrist, which is causing discomfort
- **Diane Haglund**, undergoing a series of shots in preparation for back surgery in October
- **Sandy Edstrom**, still struggling with sciatica pain
- **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, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

10 am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
6 pm	Culver's Dinner (742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville) and Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Night (803 E. Park Ave.)

Thursday, October 8

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Friday, October 9

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)
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Saturday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 11 - Children's Sunday

9 am	Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
9:15 am	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Art Journaling (Art Room)
	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
	Tabletop Sundays for High Schoolers (Attic Youth Room)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
4:30 pm	AA Potluck and Meeting (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (Attic Youth Room)

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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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