



# North Park

COVENANT CHURCH

JULY 25, 2021  
+ NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +  
ONLINE WORSHIP

PRELUDE

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations  
H. Ernest Nichol, arr. Sandy Edstrom  
Sandy Edstrom, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power;**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

**The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

\* OPENING HYMN 82

O Tender, Gracious Father

Led by Sandy Edstrom, Ann-Marie Frisk, and Linnea Olfelt

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

\* THE 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.**

Johanna Frisk, Reader

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn

Charlie Lowell, Dan Haseltine, Matt Odmark, Stephen Mason

1997 Bridge Building Music, Inc. (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)

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Brian Ward, Baritone

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Waymaker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

2016 Integrity Music Europe (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Dominic German, Linnea Olfelt, Simon Peterson, and Brian Ward

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

I Love Thee, My Lord

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 404

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

## O Tender, Gracious Father

1 O ten - der, gra - cious Fa - ther, who watch - es o - ver me,  
 2 With cloth - ing, food, and shel - ter, what - e'er my needs im - ply,  
 3 In child - like, true o - be - dience help me to do the right;  
 4 Your heart is all com - pas - sion, with love it o - ver - flows;

how shall I ev - er praise you, for love and grace so free.  
 for soul and bod - y ev - er, you do in grace sup - ply;  
 may pre - cious be your stat - utes, your yoke be pleas - ant, light!  
 what - ev - er ills con - front me, you know them and my woes.

You lead me on with cau - tion through ev - 'ry se - cret snare,  
 O Lord, I soon would per - ish if these you would ex - clude;  
 And when some hard - ship threat - ens, a dan - ger fright - ens me,  
 You do not sleep or slum - ber by night or through the days;

be - neath your wings a ref - uge I find in my de - spair.  
 O could I love you bet - ter and prove my grat - i - tude.  
 may you in all my tri - als my pres - ent help - er be.  
 your arms, al - might - y Fa - ther, en - fold all time and space. A - men.



# 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. 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 rests, 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 solid harmonic base for the concluding phrase.

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## 404 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!

C G7/C C F C C/G G

1 He lead-eth me, O bless-ed thought! O words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!  
 2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;  
 3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

C G7/C C F C Am C/G G7 C

What - e'er I do, where - e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.  
 con - tent, what - e'er my lot may be, since 'tis my God who lead-eth me.  
 e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead-eth me.

*Refrain*  
 C G G/F C/E F C F/C C Am C/G G

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me;

C G G/F C/E F C F/C C Am C/G G7 C

his faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

## *We're glad you're here.*

**For your prayers this week:** Marti Hindaileh's friend's infant grandson, **Easton**, hospitalized in serious condition with a virus; **Connie Speake**, deciding where and when to begin physical therapy; **Wesley Edstrom**, recovering from a broken finger; Helen Ferguson's son, **Lace Ferguson**, on hospice care; Peter and Anna Kim's daughter **Eva**, recovering after heart surgery; Rosemary Slaughter's cousin **Joanie**, mourning the passing of her grandson, Tyler, and suffering from shingles; **Eileen Thorpe**, undergoing immunotherapy treatments; **Dick Lucco**, taking a medication that could slow or stop the growth of cancer; **Herb and Louise Hedstrom**, as they continue to battle Herb's cancer; Terri Njaa's daughter **Kari Hutson**, diagnosed with esophageal cancer

**The church is open** Tuesday through Friday between 8:30 am and 3 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

**Continue Heartwalking the Neighborhood with us!** See this week's location at the right. Thank you for praying for our community!

**Vacation Bible School is coming** August 2-6, from 9-12 each day! The week can't happen without your support, and there are many ways to help:

1. Volunteer!
2. Give a monetary donation!
3. Purchase supplies! The list of needed items is on the next page. Please check the online list, sent out via the church email, or check with Pastor Libby, before purchasing items so we don't end up with duplicates. Thank you!
4. Pray!

We thank you for your help, prayers, and support! VBS could not happen without all of these things. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Libby if you have questions!

**Please join us for an All-church BYO Picnic** on Wednesday, August 11. Bring your dinner and a blanket or chair to sit on, and enjoy the company of others. Dessert will be provided! If anyone would like to come but needs a ride, please reach out to Christine Olfelt at (773) 463-0055 ext. 545.

### Week 30



### N Christiana East Side

#### 5400 N Christiana

- 5407 - 2-flat
- 5411 - 2-flat
- 5415 - 2-flat
- 5417 - single
- 5421 - single
- 5423 - single
- 5427 - single
- 5431 - 2-flat
- 5433 - single
- 5437 - single
- 5441 - single
- 5445 - single
- 5449 - single
- 5451 - single
- 5455 - 2-flat

#### 3300 W Balmoral

3324 - multiple

#### 3300 W Catalpa

3319 - 21 - multiple

### *Non-perishable/Non-food Items*

Balloons, round – Roughly 150	Fencing pickets, 1” x 6” x 6’ – 2
Balls, assorted sizes & colors – As many as possible	Furring strip, 1” x 3” x 8’ – 1
Beach balls – 6	Googly eyes – 1 package of at least 50
Bubbles – 6 bottles	Paper plates, small – 500
Buckets, large – 6	Pompoms (small, colorful, for crafts) – 1 large bag
Cardboard boxes, large – As many as possible	Pool noodles – 12
Chain, metal or plastic – 2-3 feet	Sponge balls or sponges – 12
Cotton balls – 3 large bags	Spray bottles – 6
Craft paper – 5 rolls	Suitcases or duffle bags, large – 3
Crayola markers, fine – 5 packages	Tissue paper, yellow – 1 package
Crayola markers, wide – 3 packages	Trophies, ribbons, or awards (that have little value)
Crepe paper, any color – 18 rolls	Velcro, adhesive – 2 rolls
Curling ribbon – 1 roll	Yarn, gray – 1 roll
Disposable cups, 18-ounce – 12	Zip-lock bags, large – 200
Dixie cups, small – 500	Zip-lock bags, sandwich-size – 300 total
Duct tape, brightly colored/patterned – 3 rolls	

### *Perishable/Food Items*

Bagels, gluten-free – 20	Graham crackers, plain – 3 boxes
Bagels, plain – 80	Granola bars, nut-free – 100
Blueberries – 3 pints	Honey wheat pretzel twists – 6 bags
Butter – 1 pound	Marshmallows – 5 bags
Clementines – 4 bags	Oreos – 2 packages
Cocoa Krispies – 3 family-size boxes	Rice cakes, gluten-free – 1 package
Cool Whip – 4 tubs	Strawberries – 5 pints
Cream cheese, plain – 6 blocks	Twizzlers Pull ‘n’ Peel – 1 large package
Food coloring, black gel	Vanilla frosting – 5 tubs

### **VBS VOLUNTEER MEETINGS**

VBS volunteers are asked to put the following dates on their calendars and plan to attend:

July 27, 7 p.m. - If you were not able to attend the July 19 meeting, attendance on this date is required.

August 1, 5 p.m. - We ask that *all volunteers* come to help decorate, practice music, and get everything ready to go.

*Volunteers over the age of 16 are asked to bring their vaccination cards to one of the meetings.*



The text for today's special music is as follows:

### Hymn

*Charlie Lowell, Dan Haseltine, Matt Odmark, Stephen Mason*

Oh, refuge of my hardened heart, oh, fast-pursuing lover come;  
as angels dance 'round Your throne, my life by captured fare You own.

Not silhouette of trodden faith, nor death shall not my steps be guide.  
I'll pirouette upon mine grave, for in Your path I'll run and hide.

#### *Chorus:*

Oh, gaze of love so melt my pride, that I may in Your house but kneel  
and in my brokenness to cry, spring worship unto Thee.

When beauty breaks the spell of pain, the bludgeoned heart shall burst in vain.  
But not when love be pointed king, and truth shall Thee forever reign.

#### *Chorus*

Sweet Jesus, carry me away from cold of night and dust of day.  
In ragged hour or salt worn eye, be my desire, my well spring lye.

#### *Chorus*

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### Church Calendar This Week

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

#### *Monday, July 26*

9:15 am Monday Morning Women's Bible Study (Staff Conference Room)  
10:30 am Staff Meeting (via Zoom)  
6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)

#### *Tuesday, July 27*

3 pm Tuesday Tea at Three (Parlors)

#### *Saturday, July 31*

8 am Geezerball (Gym)  
10:30 am Epworth Basketball (Gym)

#### *Sunday, August 1*

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

#### ***Staff Away***

Pastor Jeff will be out of  
the office until August 6.

*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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### Church Staff

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### North Park Church Cooperative Preschool

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### The Friendship Center - Our Neighborhood Food Pantry

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### Missionaries We Support

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo  
James and Rachel Ventress, Alaska

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo, Latin America  
Peter and Anna Kim, East Asia

John and Letha Kerl, Field Representatives for Europe

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