



# North Park

COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2020  
+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER +  
LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Étude in Ab Major  
Frédéric Chopin  
Johannes Clifton-Soderstrom, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 116

The Lord harkens to our call,  
listening to our pleas and hearing our prayers!

**We will praise God, who gives rest to our souls!**

In the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in the presence of all God's people,  
we acknowledge our faith.

**We will call on the Lord as long as we live!**

We are your servants, O God;  
you have loosed our bonds!

**We will offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving!**

How shall we repay the Lord for all we have been given?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord!**

OPENING HYMN 370

My Jesus, I Love Thee

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using *sims*)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

New Testament Reading

Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Emma, Finn, and Kristen Hunter, Readers

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 24:13-35

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nothing But the Blood

Robert Lowry

arr. Dimitri German and Dominic German

Dominic German and Simon Peterson

TESTIMONIES FROM HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Emmett Peterson

TaJuan Deckard

Sofia Lind

MESSAGE

Cody Taylor

PRAYERS FOR SENIORS

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Who You Say I Am

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

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Led by Brian Ward

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory 410

Sung Response 246, verses 1 and 5

Prayer of Presentation

Lead Me, Lord

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Led by Sandy Edstrom and Kim and Lena Schiller

CLOSING HYMN 259

Christ Is Alive

## BENEDICTION

Christ has brought us together:  
together in faith, together in hope, together in love.  
We have gathered together to be sent out again:  
sent out with the welcome message of God's love!  
We go forth together,  
to be living testimonies of Christ's love!

## POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude on "Truro"  
Mary McDonald

## My Jesus, I Love Thee

370

1 My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
 2 I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,  
 3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
 4 In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;  
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;  
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;  
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou:  
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow:  
 and say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:  
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus 'tis now.  
 If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus 'tis now.  
 If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus 'tis now.  
 If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus 'tis now.

# Who You Say I Am

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding



Who am I that the highest king would wel-come me? I was lost, but He brought me in, oh His



love for me Oh, His love for me! Who the Son sets free, oh is



free in - deed. I'm a child of God, Yes, I am!



Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Je-sus



died for me. Je-sus died for me! Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed, I'm a



child of God, Yes, I am! In my Fa - ther's house, there's a place for me. I'm a



child of God, Yes, I am! I am cho - sen, not for - sa - ken. I am who You say I am. You are



for me, not a - gainst me, I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am. Who the

# Lead Me, Lord

410

1 Lead me, Lord; lead me in your righ- teous- ness. Make your way  
2 Teach me, Lord; teach me of your righ- teous- ness. Make your way  
3 Keep me, Lord; keep me in your righ- teous- ness. Make your way

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

plain be - fore my face. For it is you Lord; you, O Lord,

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a fermata over the final note. The bass staff has a fermata over the final chord. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

on - ly who makes me to dwell in safe - ty.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff has a fermata over the final note. The bass staff has a fermata over the final chord. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

WORDS: Based on Psalm 4:8, 5:8, adapt. Fred Bock, 1939-, © 1982 Fred Bock Music Company  
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Irregular  
LEAD ME, LORD

## Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

246

*Refrain (in unison)* F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

F Dm Gm C F *Last time*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

*F/A Stanzas* F Dm B $\flat$  C F

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall  
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: life for all  
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

Dm Gm7 C D.C. F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.  
 died and has ris - en.  
 live for - ev - er.  
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.  
 sing to our Sav - ior.

## Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

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

*For your prayers this week:* the **Peterman and Helwig families**, mourning the passing of Elijah Peterman, last week at the age of four; **Allen Bloomingburg**, diagnosed with coronavirus; Jim and Andy Meyer's cousin's son, **Andrew Lamb**, still at Lurie with acute kidney issues but making progress; **the Stateville and North Park Seminary communities**, mourning the passing of Joseph "Big Fella" Wilson and Ronald "Rusty" Rice, two students in the School of Restorative Arts; **the Covenant Church in Congo**, postponing election of church officials and encouraging missionaries to leave the country; Mary Ann Ahlgren's sister, **Sally Mlacker**, released from rehab and living with her son for a while; **Johanna Fernandez and family**, mourning the passing of her father, Jim Sundholm; **Herb Hedstrom**, undergoing treatment for metastatic prostate cancer; Helen Ferguson's son, **Lace Ferguson**, recuperating at home following emergency brain surgery; **those feeling lonely and isolated, anxious and fearful**, in this current shelter-in-place situation; **those who have lost jobs** as a result of this order; **the Covenant church in South Sudan and Ethiopia**, in a state of unrest as a result of civil war in Sudan; **Rosemary Slaughter**, undergoing therapy on her wrist; **Kristen Westphal**, whose mother is recovering from hip surgery, and whose father is on hospice care; **Dick Lucco**, continuing cancer treatment; **Bob Thornbloom**, on hospice care; Barb Goode's cousin **David Jeffery**, on disability due to decline caused by ALS

**Today we begin week 17 of Heartwalking the Neighborhood:** Please be in prayer for the 5300 block of north Spaulding (west side) and the 3300 block of west Balmoral.

**From the Treasurer:** Thank you! Your ongoing giving to North Park Covenant Church is greatly appreciated! Through March, our envelope offering income is about \$133,000, slightly behind the budgeted amount of \$143,000 but in line with prior years. And the giving in March was not noticeably lower than the earlier months this year. Thank you for your continued support of our people and ministries. Some of our other income components are down slightly, like loose offerings and building rental, and that is not surprising in current life events. Total income is \$163,000. Our expenses (\$181,000) are higher than income, but they are below our expected budgeted expenses (\$190,000). If you have any questions, please reach out to Scott Applequist at [treasurer@npcovenant.org](mailto:treasurer@npcovenant.org), and thank you again.

**The community COVID-19 testing tent at Galter LifeCenter parking lot** (5157 N. Francisco) began Monday, April 20. People who need to be tested because they are ill must have a doctor's order and call for an appointment. If someone doesn't have a doctor, they can still call in to the help line (773-907-7700) and a doctor will be assigned. The tent testing is for all, including undocumented individuals. Details can be found on the Swedish Hospital website, [www.swedishcovenant.org/covid](http://www.swedishcovenant.org/covid)

**Dear church family, we have received a generous gift to our benevolence fund** and wanted to make you aware so that, should you know of anyone in need, you can point them in the right direction. Please reach out to Pastor Libby or Pastor Jeff, and we will try to meet needs as they come.

**This year's Global 6K Walk for Water is happening VIRTUALLY on Saturday, May 16!** While North Park Covenant Church will not be participating as a group this year, we invite you to participate with another church (DeerGrove, Naperville, and Faith Covenant in Wheaton are all participating and have welcomed friends to join their teams). Because the walk is virtual, you can walk wherever you are! Here are the steps to register:

- Go to [www.teamworldvision.org/chicago6k](http://www.teamworldvision.org/chicago6k) and click on "Register" under "Walk or Run in 2020"
- Select registration type, click on "Join a Team", and using the "Search" button, choose one of the following: DeerGrove Covenant, Naperville Covenant, or Faith Covenant in Wheaton
- Fill in the necessary information for shirt size, etc.
- Pay the registration fee (\$50 for adults, \$25 for kids under 18). While further fundraising isn't necessary, feel free to reach out to those you know who might like to make a donation!

**How to Receive Church Emails:** During this time of quarantine, we are sending more and more information via our email chains. If you do not currently receive the Call to Prayer or General Church Information emails, please go to [npcovenant.activehosted.com/f/1025](http://npcovenant.activehosted.com/f/1025) and fill out the required information. You do not need to be a member of the church to receive these emails. If you have signed up in the past but aren't receiving the emails, please check your spam or junk folder to see if the messages are going there. If they are, please add [npsc@npcovenant.org](mailto:npsc@npcovenant.org) to your contacts list, so those emails will go to your inbox. If they are not in spam or junk, please reach out to Ann-Marie Frisk at [afrisk@npcovenant.org](mailto:afrisk@npcovenant.org) to let her know. Thank you!

**Youth Ministry Update:** Though we are confined to our homes for now and can't be together, we still want to connect with our students and make the best of the current situation. We have moved all of our meetings online, utilizing Zoom for the near future. We have established three different meeting times throughout the week when students can check in with us, share some laughs, and learn with us about how we can rely on the hope of Christ during these challenging times. If you would like to receive ongoing meeting links each week or further updates about youth ministry, please email Pastor Cody at [ctaylor@npcovenant.org](mailto:ctaylor@npcovenant.org) Below are the times that we are meeting together:

Wednesday at 7pm: Middle-school Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Thursday at 7pm: Bible Study (grades 6-12)

Sunday at 7pm: High-school Youth Group (grades 9-12)

**Volunteer Opportunities at the GCFD:** Approximately 1/3 of Chicago food pantries have closed, and increasing numbers of people need food resources now, so the Friendship Center has been serving many more families than usual. One way to help our community is to pack food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. This gets the food to the pantries and earns credits for our Friendship Center! They have several days open per week. The link to sign up is [volunteers.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://volunteers.chicagosfoodbank.org) Please register to send food credits to Lincoln Square Friendship Center. Thanks!

*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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Lyndsey Wellner, Teacher/Assistant Teacher

Jenny Glazier, Assistant Teacher

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### **The Friendship Center - Our Neighborhood Food Pantry**

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2711 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625

www.friendshipcenterchicago.org • (773) 907-6338 • npfc@friendshipcenterchicago.org

Dean Morris, Director of Pantry Operations • Ross Outten, Director of Development

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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

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