

THE LONGING HEART



August 9, 2026

OUR GATHERING IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE

As you enter the sanctuary, please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship.

PRELUDE

Rich Tichgelaar, organ

The Solid Rock (William Bradbury; arr. James J. Stanley)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Chris Castaldo

HYMN OF ADORATION (Congregation stands)

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THE CREED (Congregation stands)

Barb Peterson

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell*; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy, catholic** church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*This refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment

**universal

PRAYER

Pastor Chris Castaldo

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 6:13-20

Douglas Yeo

Page #1004, Pew Bible

HYMN TO CHRIST

How Great Thou Art #4

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OFFERTORY

Pastor Chris Castaldo

Trusting Jesus Medley (Trust and Obey with 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus)

(arr. Marilynn Ham)

Laurie Norris, piano

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

... Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

(Children age 4-2nd grade are dismissed for WOW, Friendship Registers passed)

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Congregation stands)

Genesis 15:1-21

Laurie Norris

Page #10, Pew Bible

RESPONSE (Congregation in unison) "THANKS BE TO GOD"

DOXOLOGY

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SERMON

Pastor Chris Castaldo

The Bedrock Beneath the Promise

HYMN OF RESPONSE (Congregation stands)

Amazing Grace #202

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BENEDICTION (Congregation stands)

Pastor Chris Castaldo

POSTLUDE

Laurie Norris, piano

To God Be the Glory (arr. Cindy Berry)

For prayer after the service, please come to the front of the platform.

*A note to nursing mothers: Your infants are always welcome to remain with you in the worship service.
But our first-floor parlor (where you can still listen to the service) is available if you desire.*

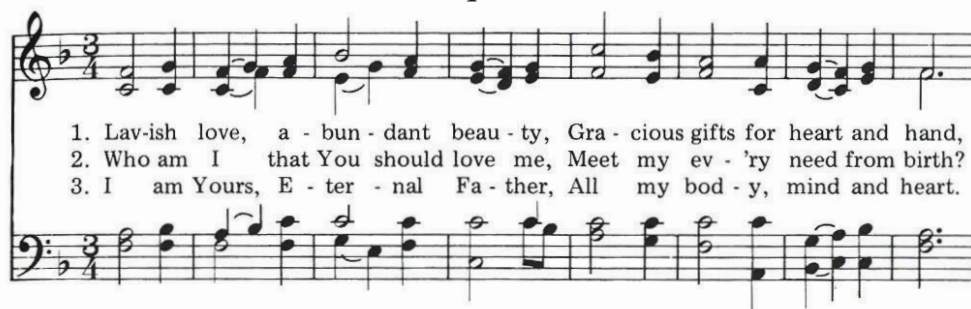
Join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Doxology

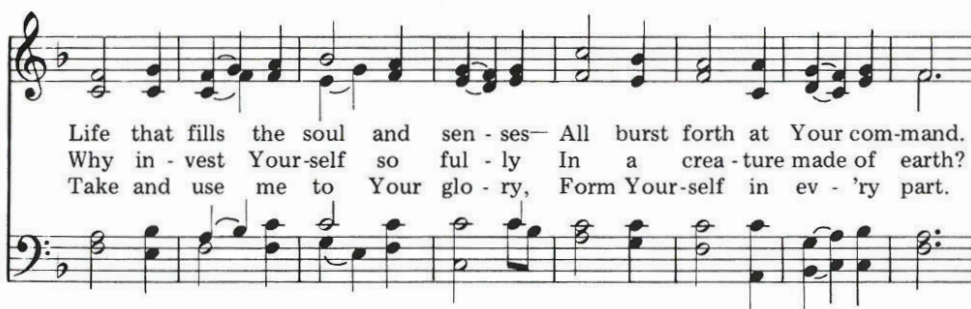
Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

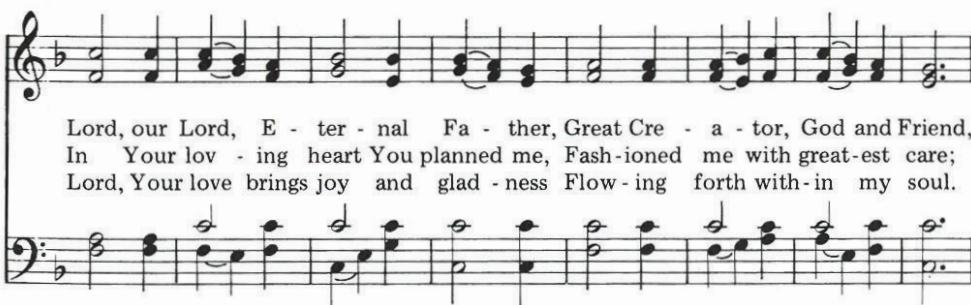
Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty #61



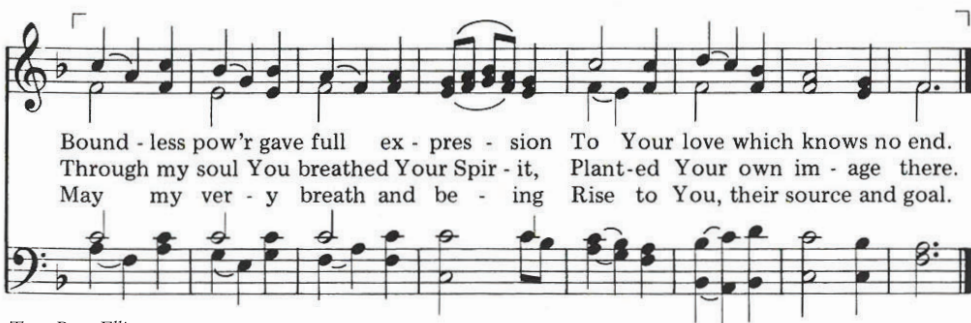
1. Lav-ish love, a - bun - dant beau - ty, Gra - cious gifts for heart and hand,
 2. Who am I that You should love me, Meet my ev - 'ry need from birth?
 3. I am Yours, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, All my bod - y, mind and heart.



Life that fills the soul and sen - ses— All burst forth at Your com-mand.
 Why in - vest Your-self so ful - ly In a crea - ture made of earth?
 Take and use me to Your glo - ry, Form Your-self in ev - 'ry part.



Lord, our Lord, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Great Cre - a - tor, God and Friend,
 In Your lov - ing heart You planned me, Fash-ioned me with great-est care;
 Lord, Your love brings joy and glad - ness Flow-ing forth with-in my soul.



Bound - less pow'r gave full ex - pres - sion To Your love which knows no end.
 Through my soul You breathed Your Spir - it, Plant-ed Your own im - age there.
 May my ver - y breath and be - ing Rise to You, their source and goal.

Text: Peter Ellis

Music: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness

How Great Thou Art #4

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. Then sings my
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art.

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Amazing Grace #202

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first five stanzas of the hymn. The second system contains the final stanza. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 corresponding to the stanzas. The music features a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, with some staves including rests for parts of the stanzas.

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;
4. Thru man-y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come;
5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, Bright shin-ing as the sun,

I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved.
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton; John P. Rees, stanza 5

Music: Traditional American melody from Carrell and Clayton's Virginia Harmony, 1831; arranged by Edwin O. Excell

JOIN US FOR A
FALL KICK-OFF PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 5:00 PM

Grab your picnic blanket, bring a dish to share and join us on the South Lawn for an evening of fellowship and fun!

NCC BLOG:

“The Odyssey, the Bible, and the Telephone Game”

Did you ever play the telephone game as a child? This fun game reveals how quickly errors can accumulate in transmitting a message.

Lots of people distrust the Bible for precisely that reason. They think it's full of errors that have accumulated over the centuries. But this isn't true. The Bible is, by far, the best-attested body of ancient literature in the world.

This assessment most definitely includes the Odyssey, currently enjoying a popular renaissance. While the Odyssey is very well attested for a work of classical Greek literature, the Bible's manuscript tradition is vastly superior.



Read **The Odyssey, the Bible, and the Telephone Game** in the NCC Blog.



We're so glad you're here!

Upcoming:

- August 23: Men's Choir. Rehearsals at 9 AM on 8/16 and 8/23. All men welcome.
- August 23: Fall Picnic, 5:00 PM

On Sunday Mornings:

- Summer Fellowship, 11:45 AM

For more details:

- Visit the Welcome Table in narthex.
- Call the office, 630.357.4092.
- Visit our website to view our calendar, see upcoming events, watch our live stream and sermons, request prayer and pray for others, and find information on all our ministries: www.newcovenantnaperville.org.

The NCC Deacons

The Deacons desire to serve the body of Christ through care, encouragement, prayer, and practical assistance. If you have a need or know of someone who does, please contact us at deacons@newcovenantnaperville.org.

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