



FALL CONVOCATION

September 10, 2024
4:00 p.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Dennis R. Edwards, Presiding
Dean, North Park Theological Seminary

Prelude	Variations on "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Op. 7, #1	Paul Manz
Processional	"Trumpet Tune"	Nicholas Bowden
Greetings	Dennis R. Edwards	
	Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.	
*Call to Worship	Leader: Come, beloved of God, and worship the Holy One! People: For God can do exceedingly, abundantly above all we could imagine! L: Where there is despair, God sows hope. P: Where there is violence, God grows peace. L: Where there is grief, God tends joy. P: Where there is hatred, God harvests love. L: Let us therefore boldly approach the throne of grace and worship the God of hope and peace, joy and love. P: Amen!	
*Opening Song	"Hope Will Not Fail"	David Bjorlin/Mark A Miller
	Hope will not fail, no, hope will not fail. Though anguish and apathy seem to prevail, no, hope will not fail; hope, hope will prevail.	
	Peace will not fail, no, peace will not fail. Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail, no, peace will not fail; peace, peace will prevail. Believe in the coming, the coming of peace! Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail, no, peace will not fail; peace, peace will prevail.	

*The congregation will stand as able.

Joy will not fail,
no, joy will not fail.
Though mourning and misery seem to prevail,
no, joy will not fail;
joy, joy will prevail.
Believe in the blessing,
the blessing of joy.
Though mourning and misery seem to prevail,
no, joy will not fail;
joy, joy will prevail.

Love will not fail,
no, love will not fail.
Though hatred and hopelessness seem to prevail,
no, love will not fail;
love, love will prevail.
Believe in the blessing,
the blessing of love.
Though hatred and hopelessness seem to prevail,
no, love will not fail;
love, love will prevail.

Prayer for the Day

Gracious God, who has caused Holy Scripture to be written for our learning; help us to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest its sacred teaching so that we may have the grace to cope with your generosity, the patience to love questions, and a willingness to do the truth. As it is in Jesus who shares dominion with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever, Amen.

First Lesson

Joshua 15:13-19
Sophia Magallanes-Tsang, Assistant Professor of Old Testament

The Second Lesson

1 Chronicles 7:20-24
Lama Htoi San Lu, Visting Assistant Professor of Theology

Sermon

Holy Audacity
Ieisha Hawley, Director of Evangelism, Evangelical Covenant Church

***Responsive Hymn**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
Hymn 399

Joseph Scriven/Charles C. Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry

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everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you—
you will find a solace there.

**Recognition of
Returning Students**

Hauna Ondrey, Dean of Faculty

**Presentation of
New Students**

Emily Wagner, Director of Student Life and Formation

A Litany for New Students

Leader: Brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ! We have assembled to acknowledge the work of the Triune God in creating, redeeming, and calling these persons to service in the household of faith. We recognize the providence of God in leading thus far in their lives and pray that we, the Seminary community, may be the stewards of these gifts given to us by the church. Moreover, let us further pray that a due sense of responsibility for thought, study, and life together may grace our partnership in the gospel.

People: Rejoicing in your call to ministry and confident that God is faithful: let love guide you, truth free you, and grace enable you. Fear no questions; respond truthfully; live generously and graciously among all.

Leader: May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you and remain with you now and always. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

Mary K. Surridge, President, North Park University

***Song of Sending**

“When You Walk from Here”

Linnea Good/Thomas Witt

When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God’s humble care.

***Benediction**

Iesha Hawley

Recessional

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Piet Post

Organ

Sharon R. Peterson, University Organist

Director of Worship

David D. Bjorlin, Assistant Professor of Worship

Banner Bearer

Drew Edstrom, Master of Divinity and Master of Business
Administration Student

Crucifer

Sara Woody, Master of Arts in Restorative Justice Ministries Student

Marshal

David D. Bjorlin

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NEW STUDENT LIST

Master of Divinity

Thomas Crozier*

Jesus People USA
Chicago, Illinois

Richard Jakubowski

Mestizo Community Covenant Church
Providence, Rhode Island

Kennedi Midgett

Oakdale Covenant Church
Chicago, Illinois

Kelly Morrow

Freedom Fire Covenant Church
Kansas City, Missouri

Bronwyn Murphy*

University Covenant Church
Davis, California

Benjamin Sahyouni*

Vineyard Christian Church
Evanston, Illinois

Anthony Wedel

Countryside Covenant Church
McPherson, Kansas

Master of Arts in Christian Formation

Jessica Alley

Applewood Community Church
Golden, Colorado

Kian Ameli

Hillside Covenant Church
Pleasant Hill, California

Sara Carter

Cornerstone Covenant Church
Turlock, California

Sylvia Cervantes

Yakima Covenant Church
Yakima, Washington

Christina Chellew

Hope Center Covenant Church
Pleasant Hill, California

Daniel Co

Midtown Covenant Church
Sacramento, California

Angel Estrada**Janet Fearnside**

All Things New Covenant Church
Monterey, California

Bethany Groot

Berkeley Covenant Church
Berkeley, California

Janette Henson

Grace Community Covenant Church
Tucson, Arizona

Sara Hwang*

All Nations Community Church
Bellevue, Washington

Brandon Jackson

On Ramps Covenant Church
Fresno, California

Jason Lee*

New Life Covenant Church
Palatine, Illinois

Timothy Lewis

Common Ground
Sacramento, California

Shirleen London

Anchorage, Alaska

Joshua Lund

University Covenant Church
Davis, California

Stacie Mancini

Marin Covenant Church
San Rafael, California

Konrad Nagy

Faith Covenant Church
Burnsville, Minnesota

Julia Navidi

Cascade Covenant Church
Snoqualmie, Washington

Heather Olson

Columbia Grove Covenant Church
Wenatchee, Washington

Eneida Reyes

Uptown Covenant Church
Chicago, Illinois

Jacob Rubio

Hillside Covenant Church
Walnut Creek, California

Pamela Tate-Gibson

Grace Baptist Church
Markham, Illinois

Zahra Wadsworth**Karla Walker**

Mountain View Church
San Juan Capistrano, California

Lisa Whatley

Community Covenant Church
of the Methow Valley
Twisp, Washington

Maddison Yager

Hope Covenant Church
El Dorado, Kansas

Andrea Zabel

Shoreline Covenant Church
Shoreline, Washington

Master of Arts in Christian Formation/Master of Non- profit Administration

Anjelica Reyes

Chicago Tabernacle
Chicago, Illinois

Certificate in Christian Studies

Matthew Foster

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