

## Who We Are At Naperville Covenant Church

We desire to be an increasingly diverse, compassionate community committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ in our neighborhoods and world.

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### Weekly Events

#### Sunday, May 7

Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
Q & A w/Rev. Sanchez @ 12 pm  
Park Meetup @ 12:30 pm

#### Monday, May 8

Executive Board Meeting @ 7 pm

#### Tuesday, May 9

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am

#### Friday, May 12

MOPs Meeting @ 9:15 am

**Sign up for our Email and Parent Connection Newsletters:**

<https://tinyurl.com/NECCNews>

### NaperCov Youth

While engaging with their peers and community, NaperCov Youth Ministry will be a place where students find acceptance for who they are and challenged to grow deeper in faith with Christ.

### Youth Events

#### Weekly Gatherings

##### Wednesday

Youth Group  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

##### Sunday

Bible Study  
9:30 - 10:15 AM

More details on our website: [napercov.org/youth](http://napercov.org/youth)

#### Upcoming

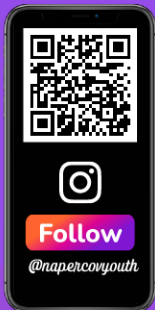
5/10 Volunteer Appreciation

5/12 H.S. Graduate Celebration

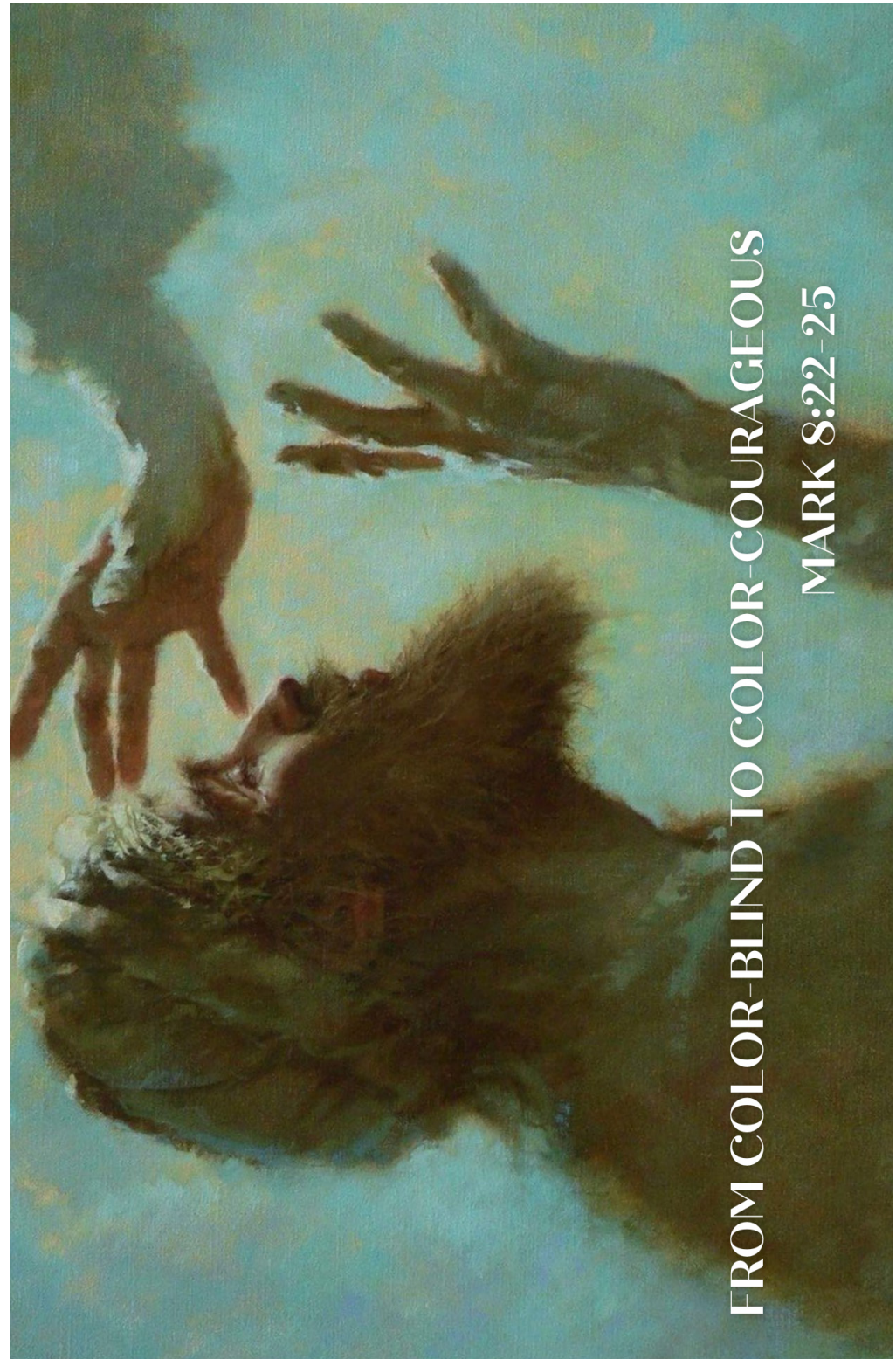
5/20 Global 6k

5/27 Annual Competition

6/4 Graduation Sunday



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FROM COLOR-BLIND TO COLOR-COURAGEOUS

MARK 8:22-25

# Welcome to Naperville Covenant Church

Sunday, May 7, 2023 - Worship Service

## Worship Music

"You Are Good"

"What A Beautiful Name"

## AAPI Heritage Month Moment

Pastor Josiah

"The Path Of Grace"

Grace Cheng

## Message

"From Color-Blind to Color-Courageous"

Mark 8:22-25

Rev. Michelle Sanchez

Executive Minister - Make and Deepen Disciples

## Communion Sacrament

Pastor Josiah & Pastor Leslie X.

"Be Thou My Vision"

## Announcements & Prayer

### Offertory

### Closing Worship

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

### Benediction

Rev. Michelle Sanchez

**A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant!** Thank you for joining us today for worship. While face masks are encouraged, they are not required. If today is your first day visiting us, please fill out the Connection Card (or scan the QR Code and visit the website link on the insert) and place it in the offering plate or take it to the front office desk. Please also stop by the Welcome Center for more information and a FREE gift!

**CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE:** No Sunday Squad today. Be sure to grab an activity bag to enjoy during today's service. Sunday Squad is every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month.

**PRESCHOOL ROOM:** Our Preschool Room is open and staffed during our entire service. Children 2 - 5 are invited at any time to come explore the Bible together through story and play.

**NURSERY:** Our nursery is OPEN today with volunteers ready to care for children up through age 2. (Nursery will be staffed the first, second and third Sundays of the month).

**PRAYER TIME:** Each Sunday after worship, NECC's Stephen Ministry offers individual prayer in the prayer room (library).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

*Knowing, Loving and Serving...*

**Benevolence Fund Giving** - Help to assist those in financial need by donating to our benevolence fund today. It's main purpose is to meet people's basic needs.

**Rev. Michelle Sanchez visits NaperCov TODAY!** We will be joined by guest preacher Rev. Michelle Sanchez, executive minister of Make and Deepen Disciples for the ECC denomination and the author of *Color-Courageous Discipleship: Follow Jesus, Dismantle Racism, and Build Beloved Community* TODAY! Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall after service, followed by a Q & A session with Rev. Sanchez.

**Park Meetup - TODAY!** Come play and hangout - whether you have young kids or just want to get out! We will gather around 12:30 p.m. (after service and the Q&A with Michelle Sanchez) at the Lisle Sensory Garden Playground (2751 Navistar Dr, Lisle). See Pastor Kelly with any questions!

**Women's Bible Study continues Tuesday** - The NECC Women's Bible Study continues Tuesday, May 9 at 9:30 am with a 4-week study of the Lord's Prayer; a video and written study by Laurie Polich Short. For more information, please contact Kathy Buettner at [kathy\\_buettner@comcast.net](mailto:kathy_buettner@comcast.net).

**President Dualé of CEUM to visit NaperCov May 14!** Theophile Dualé Langba, who serves as the president of the Congolese Covenant Church (CEUM), will be visiting Naperville Covenant Sunday, May 14 to share some of his experiences in the Congo and visit with us. Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall after service for a meet and greet with President Dualé along with executives from the Paul Carlson Partnership. We hope congregants, visitors and those who have been sponsoring partners with Covenant Kids Congo can join us!

**Global 6k for Water - Saturday May 20th!** Join us as we partner with World Vision and Covenant Kids Congo to raise money to provide life-changing access to clean water for our brothers and sisters in northwest Congo. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. May 20 and walk, run, or stroll 6K (3.73 miles). Beginning today, register online (<https://tinyurl.com/NECCGLobal6k>) with the promo code EMPOWERMOMS for \$10 off all registrations from May 7 through May 15 for Mother's Day. Questions? please see Greg Johnston for more info.

**Team World Vision - Clean Water Initiative 2023** Calling all runners, and non-runners alike, Team World Vision and Naperville Covenant Church are teaming up to compete in this fall's Chicago Marathon as part of TWV's help to fight global poverty! To find out how you can be part of this year's team or for more info, please see Greg Johnston.

**Volunteer Delegates Needed for Gather 2023** The Evangelical Covenant Church is hosting its Annual denomination-wide Meeting 'Gather 2023' this summer June 28-July 1 in Garden Grove, California. Naperville Covenant Church is seeking two church members to volunteer and serve as delegates (pay own way) either in-person or virtually. If you're interested in representing NECC as a delegate, please visit <https://covchurch.org/gather/>.

Naperville Covenant Church

**Worship Service**  
**May 7, 2023**

***“From Color-Blind to Color-Courageous”***

***Mark 8:22-25***

***Rev. Michelle Sanchez***

Takeaway #1:

Takeaway #2:

Takeaway #3:

Takeaway #4:

 **NaperCov Giving**  
<https://napercov.org/give>

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