



*We welcome all.*

*North Decatur Presbyterian Church is called by God to be a community of faith and worship, dedicated to Christian education and nurture so that we may go into the world to serve, work for peace and justice and share God's love with all people.*

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2020  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
11:00AM

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### PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE "Ye Banks and Braes" Scottish Melody

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please 'like' us or leave a comment on Facebook to let us know you worshipped with us.*

### \*CANDLE LIGHTING & CALL TO WORSHIP

For just this hour,

**Follow me**

Listen to my word

**Follow me**

Think about your life as my disciple every day

**Follow me**

Pray

**Follow me**

Sing

**Follow me**

Come, let us worship God!

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

\*HYMN

## Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.  
2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.  
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?  
4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?  
Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?  
Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?  
Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.  
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.  
Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!  
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.  
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.  
Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.  
Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

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MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011  
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HOLY MANNA  
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## RECONCILIATION

### INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

*Sit comfortably, giving thanks for the seat that holds you up and the gravity that holds you down. Unburden your hands and let them rest. Breathe deeply, and bring your attention to your heart. Notice what you are carrying in your heart this morning. What feelings or physical sensations do you sense? Be with whatever it is you are sensing.  
Be aware of your heart as the site where the tenderness of divine mercy flows through you. Allow your heart to soften by the presence of the Love, cherishing you, welcoming you exactly as you are.*

Into your hands, O Christ  
This heart.

Into your hands, O Christ  
This judgment.

Into your hands, O Christ  
This untruth.

Into your hands, O Christ  
This grief.

Into your hands, O Christ  
This fear.

Into your hands, O Christ  
This hope.

Into your hands, O Christ  
All this.

Into your hands, O Christ  
What is left,  
What is left  
Of me.

*-From the St. Hilda Community*

### SILENT PRAYERS

*In the quiet, reflect on the ways that God's mercy softens every heart, even your own.*

### SUNG RESPONSE #577

"Lord, Have Mercy"  
**Kyrie eleison.**

KYRIE ELEISON

### \*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-Psalm 85

Mercy and truth at last have met. Justice and Peace are reconciled.  
Truth has arisen from the earth.  
Justice looked down from heaven and smiled.  
**In Christ Jesus we are forgiven, loved, and freed.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

*We share the peace as a visible sign of our reconciliation to each other through Christ.  
Greet one another with "the peace of Christ be with you" and reply "also with you."  
Feel free to post a greeting or a heart on Facebook.*

## PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Ruth Cunningham

“Come, Light of Lights”

**Come, light of lights, into my heart.  
Come, wisdom of spirit, into my heart.**

SCRIPTURE

Jonah

This is the Word of God for us, the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Jonah and the Mercy of God*

Rev. David Lewicki

## DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Bidding Prayer:

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear Our Prayer.**

**Our Father [Mother] in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.**

PRAYER RESPONSE #564

“Amen”

*Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert*

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL FOR OFFERING

*Change for Change*

*Make a habit of giving something each week -*

*a small bill or loose change or an intention of service to God and neighbor.*

*This month our loose change offering will go to the **RIP Medical Debt** to remove the burden  
of medical debt for individuals and families in our community.*

*For more information visit [ripmedicaldebt.org](http://ripmedicaldebt.org).*

*A little bit of giving by a lot of people: It’s worth the effort.*

*You can donate online today by visiting [ndpc.org](http://ndpc.org) and clicking on the top right corner of the  
webpage where it says “Donate.”*

\*OFFERTORY SONG

Janet Vogt

“Jonah, What Will You Do”

**Jonah, Jonah, what will you do? Listen, God is calling to you!  
Oh, Jonah, what will you do when our God is calling to you?**

Tides roll in, tides roll out. Faith has a way of stilling those little voices of doubt.

Oceans deep, oceans wide; God has a way of finding you when you want to hide!

Waves roll on, waves roll high. Just when you least expect it, a storm comes rushing by.

Wind and rain, sleet and hail; just when you least expect it, you run into a whale!

The mighty seas, they toss and turn. God has a way of teaching you things that you must learn. So when you set your course to sail, point yourself toward God and you will never run into a whale!

Land ho! Here we go! Just look around, you've found your feet on solid ground. God is good,  
God is true. Out of the depths of darkness, God delivers me and you!

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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

As we leave this hour and live in this world

**Follow me**

At home with your household

**Follow me**

While you work and play

**Follow me**

In everything you do this week

**Follow me**

And as you do, remember that I am with you always,  
even to the end of the world.

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Jonah, What Will You Do”

Janet Vogt

**NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:**

During these weeks of Lent, you are invited to focus your gaze on the clay vessels in front of the chancel. The large fired and unglazed piece was thrown on a wheel by local potter Glenn Murray, using the clay held in the hands of many of us in February when liturgical artist Karla Kincannon was a guest worship leader. The smaller pinch pots in the assemblage are further reminders of the prayerful process that Karla guided us through, and now hold portions of ashes and anointing oil as a symbol of this season of humility and repentance.

Mercy, too, is a focus of this season, and you are encouraged to bring written prayers for mercy forward and place them in the large bowl during each week's prelude or postlude, using the pads of paper in the pew racks. You might also wish to take another's prayer from the bowl, and hold it in your hands and heart during the week ahead as a part of your own reflection on mercy. We will sustain this liturgical practice throughout the weeks before Palm Sunday.

**Music Credits:**

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We're happy and honored that you've joined us online today!

People come from many backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship at NDPC. We invite you to use the language, whether for God or persons, that is authentic and inspiring to you.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**If you would like to** donate flowers, volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, or submit comments or suggestions about worship, please email [worship@ndpc.org](mailto:worship@ndpc.org).

**Recent sermons** are available for online listening at <http://ndpc.org/worship/sermon-podcasts>.

## **CONTACT NDPC:**

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