



**NORTH  
DECATUR  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*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**

July 12, 2020

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00AM

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**PREPARATION & ADORATION**

OPENING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWMRHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

WELCOME

Rev. Erin Reed Cooper

CENTERING PRAYER

Today is a day for telling our stories. Flip back through the pages of your life. What stories define you? What stories do you recall when you need a dose of hope? What stories are so full of meaning and laughter, that they may have been embellished over the years with each new telling? In our moment of silence, will you pause and consider the entirety of your story.

Notice the chapters and chapters that came long before you were born. Notice that there are many blank pages ahead of you. From prologue to epilogue, you belong to the living God. Your stories are in God’s care, and in this place, we will hold your stories with you. And may the Eternal author, reveal the wonder of our story to us. (Silence)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Alcuin of Tours (c. 735–804)

**Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;  
 Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;  
 Eternal Power, be our support;  
 Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;  
 Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and strength  
 we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. \***

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17

One: Friends of God, hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

*During the Passing of the Peace, share a sign of peace with others in your home and greet others who are worshipping online by writing messages in the comment/chat section.*

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Paul Vasile

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ruth Cunningham

“Come, Light of Lights”

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Best. Story. Ever! Joshua & the Battle of Jericho*

Rev. David Lewicki

## DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Matt Rich

THE LORD’S 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

### **Change for Change**

*Through our partners, El Refugio and New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta, NDPC alleviates the suffering of the immigration community. El Refugio, a hospitality house in Lumpkin, GA, a mile from Stewart Detention Center, serves the families of detainees and serves as a ministry for some of the detainees’ needs while they are in the deportation process. The New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta is an interfaith and multicultural immigrant rights organization. More about our work with these partners and their current needs will be shared at virtual worship on Sundays in July. For more information*

*Learn about El Refugio, visit [www.erefugiostewart.org](http://www.erefugiostewart.org)*

*Learn about the New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta, visit [www.sanctuarymovementatl.org](http://www.sanctuarymovementatl.org)*

*Click below to view Charlotte Stone’s video about NDPC’s role and a special invitation.*

*For Change for Change during worship:*

*Text 'NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)' to 73256 to give the the Change for Change cause.*

*Text 'NDPC \$20 (or any amount)' to 73256 to give to the general church fund.*

*Standard text message rates do apply.*

*Members who’ve made a 2020 pledge are encouraged to give through automatic payment arranged through their bank or to send a check by mail. Visitors and those giving outside a pledge, are encouraged to mail checks to NDPC, 611 Medlock Rd, Decatur, GA 30033, donate through Paypal through our website, [ndpc.org](http://ndpc.org) or **Text 73256** to give.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

“Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls come tumblin' down. You may talk about your man of Gideon, you may talk about your man of Saul. There's none like good ol' Joshua at the battle of Jericho. Up to the walls of Jericho he marched with a spear in hand. "Go blow them rams' horn," Joshua cried, "Cause the battle is in my hand." Then the lamb ram sheep horns begin to blow, the trumpets begin to sound. Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls come tumblin' down. Oh, Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls come tumblin' down.  
Julia Glicksberg, *soloist*

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Andre Campra

"Rigaudon"

#### **NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:**

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We're happy and honored that you've joined us online today! We hope you will join us in person when we resume in-person worship later in 2020.

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>.

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