



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.

611 Medlock Road, Decatur, GA 30033
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

11:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

WELCOME SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
NDPC Balcony Choir

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, God unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain.

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
Music: FAITHFULNESS, William Marion Runyan, 1923

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

OPENING PRAYER

Julian of Norwich (tr. by Mirabai Starr)

You, O Holy One, are the power and goodness of the Fatherhood. You are the wisdom and loving-kindness of the Motherhood. You are the Light and Grace of all blessed Love. You are the triune nature of the Divine. You are Unity. You are the supreme goodness in every kind of thing. You are the one who causes us to love. You are the one who causes us to yearn. You are the endless fulfillment of all true desire.

In the silence let us open ourselves to this great love within us and around us and release all that causes us to withhold or turn away from love.

(SILENCE)

Here these words of assurance from Julian of Norwich:

I saw three ways to look at the Motherhood of God. The first is that she created our human nature. The second is that she took our human nature upon herself, which is where the motherhood of Grace begins. And the third is motherhood in action, in which she spreads herself throughout all that is, penetrating everything with grace, extending to the fullest length and fullest breadth, height and depth. All one love.

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Repeating Alleluia
NDPC Balcony Choir

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

Rev. David Lewicki

SERMON

Love Like Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Beth Waltemath

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

Mothering Christ, you know us.
Mothering Christ, you love us.
Mothering Christ, you hear us.

Words: Paul Vasile, inspired by the writings of Julian of Norwich
Music: Paul Vasile

**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 TO OFFERING

Change for Change contributions made in May will support the relationship between North Decatur Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross (a majority-Black

congregation in South DeKalb) as we develop our “Just Neighbors” initiative to deeply engage race, justice, and neighborliness in our home of DeKalb County. Make a generous gift today. Text **'NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)' to 73256** to give to give to Change for Change.

Members who've made a 2021 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 at www.ndpc.org, or Text 'NDPC \$20' (or any amount) to 73256 to give to the church's general fund.

To make a **pledge for 2021**, go to the [giving page](#) on ndpc.org.

OFFERTORY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Words: Horatius Bonar; Music; Paul Vasile

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G, BWV 541
J.S. Bach
Paul Vasile, organ

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Music Credits:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Glory to God #248) – Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
Music: FAITHFULNESS, William Marion Runyan, 1923

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Music: Paul Vasile, ©2015 LovedIntoBeing Music

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WELCOME VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us online today. We hope you will join us in person when we resume in-person worship after the pandemic subsides.

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

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

CONTACT NDPC:

The NDPC Office is closed. All members and visitors must alert staff when you plan to be on campus. Office Phone: 404-636-1429; Office Email: office@ndpc.org

Pastoral Care:

Revs. David Lewicki and Beth Waltemath are co-pastors of North Decatur Presbyterian Church. Beth or David are available to meet with any person seeking pastoral care or conversation. To schedule an appointment, contact them directly by email or by phoning the church office. David Lewicki (david@ndpc.org); Beth Waltemath (beth@ndpc.org)

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops is available to visit with senior adults at church or at your home. To schedule an appointment, contact her by phone in the church office or by email: maryanona@ndpc.org

For urgent needs, call the co-pastors' emergency cell phone: 404-981-NDPC (6372).

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