



*North Decatur Presbyterian Church is called by God
to be a community of faith and worship.
We are 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

April 17th, 2022

Easter

9 & 11AM

** stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Judas Maccabeus

by George Frederick Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Sing, choirs of angels! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Heaven and earth, rejoice! Jesus Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Glory to God #232

RECONCILIATION

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

The Iona Community

Bless to us, O God, this day, fresh made.

In the chorus of birds, **bless us.**

In the scent of blossom, **bless us.**

In the wet grass and the spring flowers, **bless us.**

Bless us and heal us

for we come to you in love and in trust.

We come to you in expectant hope.

One minute of silence is kept

O God, give us a well of tears

to wash away the hurts of our lives.

O God, give us a well of tears

to cleanse the wounds,

to bathe the battered face

of our world.

O God, give us a well of tears

or we are left, like arid earth,

unsanctified.

One minute of silence is kept

Heal us and your grieving world
of all that harms us.
By the power of your Resurrection
restore us to new life
set us on new paths
bring us from darkness to light
help us to choose hope...

SILENT PRAYERS

In the quiet, receive the presence and peace of the Resurrection and the Life.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Blessing and laughter and loving be yours
The love of a great God
Who names us
And holds us
While the earth turns and the flowers grow
This day
This moment
And forever!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (vs. 1) Glory to God #245

*PASSING THE PEACE

*Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.
If you are worshipping online, write greetings in the comment/chat section.*

PROCLAMATION

WELCOME

After the welcome, children are invited to come forward, alone or with a parent.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

From Luke's gospel

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children are welcome to remain in the Sanctuary. Younger children (1st grade and below) may leave to go with our childcare volunteers. Children will be brought back to sit with their families before Communion.

SERMON

Grace Wins (and other idle tales)

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Children are welcomed back into worship.

ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Blake Dwelle, piano

by Tom Fettke
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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE & THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD, BLESSING THE CUP, & SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Everyone who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion. Come forward to receive the bread and the cup, then take them back to your seats. You may use the cup holders in the pews to hold the cup as you remove your mask. When you are ready, you may eat and drink. Then, replace your mask.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Unison)*

An Easter vision of Hadewijch of Brabant from the 13th century
**Love, born before humankind, called me and sought me:
"See, and receive my spirit!
Know that I, Love, am in all things!
Bring yourself fully through the ways of perfect love.
Until that day, you shall love what I, Love, am.
And then you will be Love as I am Love.
In my unity, you have received me and I have received you.
Go forth, and live what I am until the death that will make you
fully alive." Amen.**

*SONG

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Glory to God #248

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy

by Ludwig van Beethoven

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Our parade-style puppets are inspired by the work of Bread & Puppet, a politically-engaged puppet theater in Vermont. Elements of the puppets personifying sin and grace are informed by input from the NDPC congregation.

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Livestream and video are produced by NDPC members Jason Schoenberg, Rick Meinersmann, & Tim Merritt. If you would like to help, come up to the balcony.

WELCOME VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us! Please introduce yourself to those around you as you are comfortable. You may share your email address with us by using the QR code on this bulletin—we will send you our weekly e-newsletter. You can learn more about NDPC's ministries and social justice work at www.ndpc.org. We come from different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship. Please use language and pronouns for God and for yourself that are authentic to you. After worship, the pastors would love to meet you.



Welcome, Visitors!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Magnifying glasses and large print hymnals are available in the lobby. **Hearing assist devices** are also available. Ask an usher and they will gladly help.

If you would like to donate flowers, volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, or share comments about worship, email worship@ndpc.org.

Videos of worship services are available at ndpc.org. Subscribe to our **sermon podcast** through any major podcasting service.

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Revs. Beth Waltemath and David Lewicki are available to meet for pastoral care or spiritual conversation. Beth's office days are M and Tu; David's office days are W and Th. Phone/video appointments are available. Email beth@ndpc.org or david@ndpc.org.

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