



*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 24th, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

11:00AM

** stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *Trust and Obey* by Daniel Towner, arr. Craig Curry
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you are worshiping online, use the comment/chat section to introduce yourself.
Visitors are invited to sign in using the QR code on back of the bulletin.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP -Psalm 19
The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.
Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

GATHERING SONG *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* (v. 1-4) Glory to God #817

MEDITATION Genesis 1: The Message

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared. God saw that light was good and separated light from dark. God saw that it was good.	God spoke: "Separate! Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place; Land, appear!" And there it was. God spoke: "Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, Every sort of fruit-bearing tree." And there it was. God saw that it was good.
God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from water!" God made sky. God separated the water under sky from the water above sky. God saw that it was good.	

God spoke: "Lights! Come out!
Shine in Heaven's sky!
Separate Day from Night.
Mark seasons and days and years,
Lights in Heaven's sky to give light to Earth."
And there it was.
God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean,
with fish and all sea life!
Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!"
God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Earth, generate life!
Every sort and kind:
cattle and reptiles and wild animals—
all kinds."

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our
image, make them
reflecting our nature
So they can be responsible for
the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,
And, yes, Earth itself,
and every animal that moves
on the face of Earth."
And there it was.

God looked over everything God had made;
it was so good, so very good!

God blessed the seventh day.
God made it a Holy Day
Because on that day God rested from all work,
all the creating God had done.

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news!
Christ lived for us, Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and free!

* RESPONSE

O For a World (v. 1-3)

Glory to God #372

* 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

*Children up to 3rd grade are invited to come forward for the Word in Worship.
Afterward, children may go to Extended Session or return to sit with their family.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR LENNOX ROBERT EDWARD WORMLEY

**Lennox, our little sibling in Christ,
With great joy we welcome you into the family of Jesus.
What God will make of you, we don't know. Where God will take you, we can't
say. But walk with us. Share in this life of love, compassion, mercy and peace.
And know this: God is with you always! Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

Lifelong Discipleship

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

The Storm Is Passing Over

by Charles Tindley,
arr. Barbara Baker
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GUN VIOLENCE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our [Loving Parent] 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.**

DEDICATION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Our Change 4 Change offering in March during goes to **NDPC's Creation Care ministries.**
Please 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 2022 pledge are encouraged to give
through automatic payment arranged through their bank or to send a check by mail.*

To make a **pledge for 2022**, go to the [giving page](#) on ndpc.org.

* CLOSING SONG *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* (v. 1-3) Glory to God #839

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nothing but the Blood by Robert Lowry, arr. Craig Curry
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NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Flowers are given by Lin, Jaime, and Lennox Wormley in honor and celebration of his baptism and the one year anniversary of the finalization of Lennox's adoption on April 27th.

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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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