



*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

May 22nd, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00AM

** stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *Impromptu in G-flat Major, Op. 90, No. 3* Franz Schubert

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 -by Craig Mitchell

Easter is not an event that has occurred—

it's an adventure that has begun.

Not a place that we have visited,

but a path on which we stand;

a story not complete, but unfolding characters

still breathing, still teeming

with the promise of new life.

Easter is the season of wild hope

of dangerous intent, of potent promise

where the future flaps unfurled in the spirit's breeze.

GATHERING SONG *God Is Calling through the Whisper (v.1-3)* Glory to God #410

MEDITATION

I am the blossom pressed in a book,
found again after two hundred years. . . .

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper....

When the young girl who starves
sits down to a table
she will sit beside me. . . .

I am food on the prisoner's plate. . . .

I am water rushing to the wellhead,
filling the pitcher until it spills. . . .

I am the patient gardener
of the dry and weedy garden. . . .

I am the stone step,
the latch, and the working hinge. . . .

I am the heart contracted by joy. . . .
the longest hair, white
before the rest. . . .

I am there in the basket of fruit
presented to the widow. . . .

I am the musk rose opening
unattended, the fern on the boggy summit. . . .

I am the one whose love
overcomes you, already with you
when you think to call my name. . . .

Briefly It Enters, and Briefly Speaks
by Jane Kenyon

From Collected Poems, ©2005 Graywolf Press

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

from a Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

* RESPONSE

As the Wind Song (v.1-2)

Glory to God #292

* 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 1st 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.*

WORD IN WORSHIP

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

Spirit-Inspired Worship

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

Let Thy Holy Presence

by P. Tschesnokoff
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

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

*In May, our Change 4 Change offering recipient is the Co-Pastors' Discretionary Fund, which supports church members and neighborhood residents with emergency financial assistance. Please make a generous gift today. Text **'NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)' to 73256** to give to Change 4 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 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (v. 1-2) Glory to God #408

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise Him!* By Chester G. Allen

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Flowers today are given in honor of John Parks whose memorial service is later today.

Music & Lyrics are printed/streamed under ONE LICENSE #A-719269 and CCLI #21115205 & 21115212

Livestream & video are produced by NDPC members Jason Schoenberg, Rick Meinersmann, & Tim Merritt. We welcome you to be an A/V volunteer—come up to the balcony to say hello.

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

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.

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops is available to meet by appointment. Email maryanona@ndpc.org.

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