



*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

November 20th, 2022

Reign of Christ Sunday

11:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *In the Beginning* by H. Mai

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad
or by using the QR code on back of the bulletin.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP by Bruce Prewer

Christ Jesus, friend of those of us who are poor,
companion of the meek and the merciful,
has been enthroned above every authority and power
in this world.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness
come into Christ's presence with singing.**

* GATHERING SONG *I Love to Tell the Story* Glory to God #462

MEDITATION

On this Reign of Christ Sunday, as we celebrate the kind of "ruler" that Jesus was and is, we celebrate NDPC's commitment to the Matthew 25 movement. The Matthew 25 movement in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a shared effort by congregations to engage in radical and fearless discipleship in 3 areas:

- *Building congregational vitality* by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- *Dismantling structural racism* by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- *Eradicating systemic poverty* by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

As you watch the video of the story of one Matthew 25 congregation in Washington state, reflect on the following questions:

1. What surprised you or moved you about this story?
2. Where do you see the "reign of Christ" in this story?
3. Do you feel the Spirit moving in similar ways at NDPC? How and where?

SILENT REFLECTION

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Love,
you who create,
who rule the world,
rule in my heart.
Shepherd the flock of my soul.
Reign in my life.

* RESPONSE

Lord, Prepare Me

Glory to God #701

* PASSING THE PEACE

Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.

PROCLAMATION

Children may remain in their seats or 1st grade and younger may go to Extended Session.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON

The Whole Bible in 30 Minutes as Seen By Women

ANTHEM

According to Thy Wisdom

by Daniel E. Gawthrop

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*May I speak each day according to Thy justice,
Each day may I show Thy chastening, O God;
May I speak each day according to Thy wisdom,
Each day and night, may I be at peace with Thee.*

*Each day may I count the causes of Thy mercy,
May I each day give heed to Thy laws;
Each day may I compose to Thee a song,
May I harp each day Thy praise, O God.*

*May I each day give love to Thee, Jesu,
Each night may I do the same, Jesu,
Each day and night, dark and light,
May I laud Thy goodness to me, O God.*

DEDICATION

PRAYERS FOR VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA

Speak Now by Sam Ashworth and Leslie Odom, Jr.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Victoria Robinson

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*All non-pledged offerings in the month of November will support NDPC partner organization Lost-n-Found Youth, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that exists to end homelessness for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) youth. To give to our Change for Change offering, text '**NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)**' to **73256**. You may also donate at ndpc.org/give or leave a donation in the offering plate on your way out today. If you've made a 2022 pledge to NDPC, you are encouraged to give through automatic payment arranged through your bank or to send a check by mail.*

To make a **pledge for the remainder of 2022**, go to ndpc.org/give.

* CLOSING SONG *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Glory to God #610

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Go Forth and Tell*

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Image of the Day: Christ of the Breadline, Fritz Eichenberg, woodcut, 1951.

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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:

Children are always welcome at NDPC. We offer a nursery for babies and Extended Session for Preschool - 1st grade during the 11:00 service. For Extended Session, please walk your child down the education hallway before worship, or meet a volunteer in the narthex after the Children's Word in Worship.

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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