



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.

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 AM

\* *We stand in body or spirit*

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### PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

*You Are My Refuge, Faithful God*

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

-after Isaiah 40:31  
Jan Cribbs, liturgist

O God,  
you say to us,

**"They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings as eagles."**

Teach us how to wait,  
to gather under the shelter of your wings;  
nurture us with your motherly love,  
**so that we learn to have faith and to fly.**

\* GATHERING SONG

*On Eagle's Wings*

Glory to God #43

*Soloists will sing verses: Rick Neale (vs. 1); Emily Halbert (vs. 2); Marielle Mai (vs. 3)*

MEDITATION

"Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity, and power can indeed present a great temptation, but their seductive quality often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions. The real trap, however, is self-rejection. As soon as someone accuses me or criticizes me, as soon as I am rejected, left alone, or abandoned, I find myself thinking, "Well, that proves once again that I am a nobody." ... [My dark side says,] I am no good... I deserve to be pushed aside, forgotten, rejected, and abandoned. Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved."  
Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence."

-from Henri Nouwen, *Life of the Beloved*

## SILENT PRAYERS

### \* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-Matthew 3:16-17

*When Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."*

When *you* are baptized, the heavens open and God's Spirit alights like a dove on *you*. And a voice from the heavens says, "you are my Child, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."

Who is Jesus?

**God's Beloved.**

Who are you?

**God's Beloved.**

Who are we?

**We are God's Beloveds! Alleluia! Amen!**

### \* RESPONSE

*Siyahamba  
(twice through in Zulu/Xhosa)*

Glory to God #853

### \* PASSING THE PEACE

*Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.  
Children may come to the baptismal font for the children's message, with or without a parent.*

## PROCLAMATION

### ANTHEM

*Look at the World*  
NDPC Community Choir & Children's Choir

by John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us:

Refrain

Look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day.

Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season,  
'Till it is gathered to the Lord's fold:

Refrain:

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing,  
All things come of thee.

Refrain

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;  
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain:

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish  
Comes from the Lord in token of thy love;  
We are thy hands, stewards of all thy bounty;  
Thine is the earth, and thine the heav'ns above:

Refrain

*Children may return to their seats or go to Extended Session care with adult volunteers.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

### SERMON

The Devil Would Like a Minute with You

Rev. David Lewicki

## DEDICATION

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*All non-pledge gifts made in February will support NDPC's partner in Guatemala, CEDEPCA  
(The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America). CEDEPCA is an educational*

*institution that transforms lives and communities by providing training and accompaniment, and by offering spaces for reflection to women and men from diverse Christian traditions and contexts. Text **NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount) to 73256** to give to our Change for Change offering. Gifts may also be put in the offering plate with an usher after worship.*

*To make a pledge payment to NDPC, please give through automatic bank payment or send a check by mail. **To make a new pledge for 2023**, go to the “Give” page on [ndpc.org](http://ndpc.org).*

## COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

*(sung responses)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

### 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.**

*(sung) Amen, amen, amen.*

**Hosanna in the highest (x3).**

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*Everyone who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion. At the invitation of the ushers, come forward in the center aisle. Take a piece of Bread, dip it into the Cup, then eat. Return to your seat via the side aisles. The bread is gluten-free and cup contains grape juice. If you cannot come forward for any reason, notify an usher and we will gladly serve you in your seat. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, come forward and place your hands on your heart.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Let Us Break Bread Together*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God, you enliven word and flesh and resurrect life with love. Let it be with us according to your will. Let us be your body, given for the life of the world. Amen.**

\* CLOSING SONG *You Are My All in All* Glory to God #519

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* arr. Matt Limbaugh

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## NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

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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](http://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 in worship at NDPC.** We also offer a nursery for babies and Extended Session childcare 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](mailto:worship@ndpc.org).

**Videos of worship services** are available at [ndpc.org](http://ndpc.org). Subscribe to our **sermon podcast** through any major podcasting service.

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