



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

March 19th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM

** We rise in body or spirit*

About the Art: Salt of the earth, light of the world. The table construction at the front of the sanctuary provides a direct visual of these two important metaphors in Jesus' teachings. A subtler reference to the theme is displayed in the narthex on the central pillar of the liturgical calendar. This dimensional collage includes paper stained with a technique that involves sprinkling wet watercolor with coarse salt and brushing the salt away when it's dried. Other paper tiles evoke golden light, some with literal gold leaf reflecting ambient illumination.

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Pie Jesu
Handbell Choir

Gabriel Faure

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

-Wild Goose Publishing
Virginia Legener, Liturgist

I
I am
I am giving
I am giving you
I am giving you me
I am giving you me, Lord

I am giving you me
When I put food in the FreeFridge
When I say yes to service on the Session
When I get my Sunday School classroom
ready the children
When I put quarters in the machine to
wash clothes for Mercy Church
When the children at the EcoVillage school
in Haiti stay in my prayers
When I call my representative to tell them
to support affordable housing legislation
I am giving you me, Lord

I
I am
I am giving
I am giving you
I am giving you me
I am giving you me, my Beloveds
I am giving you me
In the beauty of the earth
And the ugliness of a wooden cross
In the fullness of the four seasons
And the emptiness of a tomb
In warmth for those who are weak
And the rejection of the mighty
In the companionship of one another
And the solitude of a place apart
God, may the love you have for me
Be in them
So that I may also
Be in them
And they in us.

* GATHERING SONG

Christ, Be Our Light (v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Glory to God #314

MEDITATION

the green of Jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious Jesus
is opening the house and
the dance of Jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of Jesus and
the future is possible

Lucille Clifton, "spring song" from *The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton*

SILENT PRAYERS

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light."

**When our lives are joined with yours, Christ,
we are forgiven, loved, and free.**

* RESPONSE

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler (v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Glory to God #183

* 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

Pie Jesu
NDPC Community Choir
& Children's Choir

Andrew Lloyd Webber
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Soloists: Cora Anne Morgan, Emily Halbert, Marielle Mai

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:1-12

SERMON

Judge Not

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

PRAYERS FOR VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Deedee Murphy

*All non-pledge gifts made in March will support the One Great Hour of Sharing. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. 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.*

* CLOSING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Glory to God #366

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol with Wie will ich mich freuen

R. Prichard & J. S. Bach

arr. Sue Wallace

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NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

More on this season's art: the Many Hands group crafts collaborative liturgical artwork with intention and care. The construction process was sticky because of the glue we used, prompting us to muse about the "stickiness" of Lent; the thoughts, habits and mindsets that stick with us even as we yearn to fast from them to make more space for God. We agreed that the variety and uniqueness of each tile evoked our own uniqueness as Lenten seekers, and when we noticed that the tiles suggested fish scales, our imaginations turned quickly to the disciples called by Jesus to leave their catching of fish – and their roles in producing fish paste! – to live fully into God's way.

Image of the Day: Rodríguez Calero (Puerto Rican, 1959–), *El Hijo de Dios*, 1995.

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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 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.

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

CONTACT NDPC: Office Phone: 404-636-1429; Office Email: office@ndpc.org

Rev. David Lewicki is available to meet for pastoral care or spiritual conversation either in person or by phone/video call. Email david@ndpc.org.

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

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