



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

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM

*\* We rise in body or spirit*

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### PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *We Gather Together* Dutch Folk Song, arr. Mark Hayes  
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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Cheryl Parlato, liturgist

Come, O Lord, and be with us in this hour.

**Too often our own worries, self-doubt, and fears keep us at a distance from you.**

Come, O Lord, and speak words of comfort, reminding us to eat, rest, and care for our bodies.

**Help us to hear your words in the stillness of these moments.**

\*OPENING SONG *Here I Am, Lord (vs. 1 – 3)* Glory to God #69

### RECONCILIATION

#### MEDITATION

Lying, thinking  
Last night  
How to find my soul a home  
Where water is not thirsty  
And bread loaf is not stone  
I came up with one thing  
And I don't believe I'm wrong  
That nobody,  
But nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone  
Nobody, but nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

There are some millionaires

With money they can't use  
Their wives run round like banshees  
Their children sing the blues  
They've got expensive doctors  
To cure their hearts of stone.  
But nobody  
No, nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone  
Nobody, but nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

(over)

Now if you listen closely  
I'll tell you what I know  
Storm clouds are gathering  
The wind is gonna blow  
The race of man is suffering  
And I can hear the moan,  
'Cause nobody,

But nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone  
Nobody, but nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, by Maya Angelou  
from *Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well*  
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#### SILENT PRAYERS

*In the quiet, speak to God. Listen for God's response to you.*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Jesus loved to eat. So much so that people called him a "glutton" and a "drunkard."  
Jesus is the bread of life and said that none of us should ever be hungry.  
Jesus loved feeding people so much that he became a meal.

**God, some of us have enough food  
And some of us do not.  
Until all of us have enough,  
Long live the revolution of Jesus!  
Alleluia! Amen.**

#### \*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*Come! Live in the Light*

Glory to God #749

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

*Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.  
Children may come forward to the baptismal font and find a pillow or rug to sit on.*

#### PROCLAMATION

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:1-10

#### WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

*Children may return to their seats or go to extended session childcare.*

#### SERMON

*Get Up and Eat*

Victoria Robinson  
NDPC Ministry Fellow

#### DEDICATION

#### ANTHEM

*A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter  
NDPC Community Choir ©1978 the Royal School of Church Music

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our [Divine 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.**



## 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**. 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).

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