



*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

August 27, 2023

10:00 AM

*\* We rise in body or spirit*

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### PREPARATION & ADORATION

*As we gather for worship, we do so as a whole community in song. Singing brings us together—makes us “one body”—breathing and moving and vibrating together. Feel free to stand up or sit down, listen with your eyes closed or sing at the top of your lungs.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Together We Serve*

Glory to God #767

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

-from 1 Cor. 12 (*The Message*)  
Cyndi Smith, liturgist

By God's one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body

**The old labels we once used to identify ourselves are no longer useful**

Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—

**but no matter how many parts we can name, we are still one body**

If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, *and* in the healing

**If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance**

You are Christ's body—

**that's who we are!**

GATHERING MUSIC

*Nothing More*

The Alternate Routes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECONCILIATION

MEDITATION

kneeling in the pews, my parents prayed  
to the statue of Christ for protection.

[we were new to Chicago. we were new  
to the United States. alone you might think,

but it wasn't just Christ in that church.

there was the Mexican family that housed us.  
the Mexican family that connected us  
with immigration lawyers. the Mexican family  
that got my dad a job. the Mexican family  
that invited us to birthday parties. the Mexican family  
that showed us how to make calls back to México.  
there was the Mexican family gossiping behind  
our backs. alone? my parents couldn't drink a beer  
without someone's primo asking for a sip.  
kneeling in that church, there was salvation everywhere.  
give Christ the credit if you want, but he never did  
whisper the winning lottery numbers in our ears.  
in that church there was a priest offering salvation later  
& there were Mexicans with no time to wait.

-“No Time to Wait,” from José Olivarez, *Promises of Gold*.

#### SILENT PRAYERS

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

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

May you awaken to the mystery of being here  
And enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.  
May you have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.  
May you receive great encouragement when new frontiers beckon.  
May you respond to the call of your gift  
And find the courage to follow its path.  
May the flame of anger free you from falsity.  
May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame and anxiety never linger about you.  
May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.  
May you take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.  
May you be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.  
May you experience each day as a sacred gift,  
Woven around the heart of wonder.

-John O'Donohue, *Eternal Echoes* (1998).

#### \*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*God is Here Today*

Glory to God #411

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

*Share a sign of peace by learning “Peace be with you” in American Sign Language.  
Children may go to the narthex with Rev. Erin or remain in their seats.*

## PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 3:16

SERMON

*God Lives in the Congregation*

Rev. David Lewicki

## DEDICATION

ANTHEM

*O Sing to the Lord*  
NDPC Summer Singers

arr. Harriet Ziegenhais

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

**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

*August's Change-for-Change contributions support Team Libertad & El Refugio. Team Libertad offers welcome, care, and a helping hand to asylum seekers arriving at the Hartsfield-Jackson Airport by greeting people released from Stewart Detention Center and helping them with toiletries, shoes and socks, backpacks, and other necessities. El Refugio accompanies immigrants at Stewart Detention Center and their loved ones through a hospitality house for family members, visitation, support, and advocacy. **Text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73526 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today)** and 100% of your gift will support Team Libertad & El Refugio, the August Change-for-Change recipients.*

To make a **financial pledge to NDPC for 2023**, go to the giving page on [ndpc.org](http://ndpc.org).

\* CLOSING SONG

*I Come with Joy*

Glory to God #515

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Joseph Haydn

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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.** There are a variety of quiet activities for children in the Children's Corner in the narthex that kids can take to their seats during worship. We offer nursery care for babies on Sundays from 9:45 – 11:15AM.

**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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**Revs. David Lewicki, Mary Anona Stoops, and Erin Reed Cooper** are available to meet to support your spiritual, mental, and physical health. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. Email [david@ndpc.org](mailto:david@ndpc.org), [maryanona@ndpc.org](mailto:maryanona@ndpc.org), and [erin@ndpc.org](mailto:erin@ndpc.org).

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