



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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THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

11:00 AM

** We rise in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Song of Celebration
NDPC Handbell Choir

Susan Grant & Jeff Reeves

*SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-3
Barbara Gifford, liturgist

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

*SONG

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (repeat)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:4-7

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

We are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified on Friday. They have taken away our Lord, and we do not know where they have laid him.

Do not be alarmed. He has been raised; he is not here....

*THE WORD IS PASSED BY WHISPERS

Whisper "Christ is risen. Spread the news," to the people around you, until the message reaches everyone in the church...

Beloveds of God, on this holy morning, we gather in the company of God's people, the communion of saints on earth and in heaven, to share the news of Christ's victory over death! The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Heaven and earth, rejoice! Jesus Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

*SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Glory to God #232

RECONCILIATION

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

The Iona Community

Bless to us, O God, this day, fresh made.
In the chorus of birds, **bless us.**
In the scent of blossom, **bless us.**
In the wet grass and the spring flowers, **bless us.**
Bless us and heal us
for we come to you in love and in trust.
We come to you in expectant hope...

A time of silence is kept.

O God, give us a well of tears
to wash away the hurts of our lives.
O God, give us a well of tears
to cleanse the wounds,
to bathe our bruised and beaten
bodies and spirits.
O God, give us a well of tears
so that we are not left, like arid earth,
unsanctified.

A time of silence is kept.

Heal us and this beautiful world
of all that harms us.
By the power of your Resurrection
restore us to new life
set us on new paths
bring us from darkness to light
help us, God, to choose hope...

SILENT PRAYERS

In the quiet, receive the gift of the Resurrection and the Life.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-after Romans 8

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or hatred or hunger or injustice or threats or violence?

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through the One who loved us.

For I am convinced that nothing—not living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—not anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God #582

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

A Lamp unto My Feet
NDPC Children's Choir

Joanne Brown LeDoux

*Children (Pre-K – 3rd grade) are invited to go to Worship & Wonder in the 2nd floor Education Hall.
Parents/guardians can meet kids there right after worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

Uncertainty

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

Joyful, Joyful L. Beethoven / arr. Mervyn Warren
NDPC Community Choir, Emily Halbert, soloist

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

All gifts made to Change for Change in the month of March will support the PCUSA's 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 to serve individuals and communities by creating access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Learn more at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs>. Text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today).

COMMUNION

Everyone who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest (3x).**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest (3x).**

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest (3x).**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Day of Arising

Carl F. Schalk

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, at this table, you make us into your body. Let us live in peace with one another, and give ourselves in love for the life of the world. Amen.

BLESSING STAFF UPON THEIR LEAVE-TAKING

* CLOSING SONG

Christ is Alive!

Glory to God #246

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy from "Symphony No. 9, Op. 125"

Ludwig van Beethoven

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. The nursery, located off the hallway just outside the sanctuary door, is open this morning during worship for kids 0-3. Kids can move around a bit in the narthex, where you can still listen to worship with your child, or there are child-friendly quiet activities that can be taken to your seat.

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. 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, maryanona@ndpc.org, and erin@ndpc.org.

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