



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.

611 Medlock Road, Decatur, GA 30033
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

11:00 AM

** We rise in body or spirit*

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 SONGS

*Amazing Grace
Come to the Table of Grace*

J. Newton/arr. C. Tomlin
Glory to God #507

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sylvia Broome, liturgist

We gather today to worship the One who created us,
The One who calls us by name
The One who equips us,
The One who loves us unconditionally.
With joyful hearts, let us now worship God.

* OPENING SONG

All Are Welcome (v. 1, 3, 5)

Glory to God #301

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victoria Robinson, Ministry Fellow

*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.*

MEDITATION

Power Poetry, by jamiee_18

Who are you, if you are not your name?
If you make a mistake, then who is to blame?
Though others may describe you,
Your personal thoughts can ring true;
But you still don't pertain
The power of a name.

It is impossible to give words a direction
They may get lost without the intention
Or perhaps they'll travel to thousands of eyes,
And leave you embarrassed, without a disguise.
The importance of words will be lost in vain
Without the power of a name.
A miller's daughter was said to spin gold

But she tried and couldn't do as told.
So instead a man named Rumpelstiltskin
Was promised the daughter's first kin.
This accident would never have come,
If only she had the power of his name.

Now the same goes for both you and me
If we live up to our names, we shall remain free.
We can take credit for what we do
And encourage our friends whenever they feel blue.
We can explain to others where they went wrong
Or instead fill their hearts with a song
We can take pride in what we became
With only the power of our names.

SILENCE

Selah: pause and reflect on how God is meeting you in these words.

RESPONDING TO THE MEDITATION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Beloveds, God does not abandon us to mindsets or categories that diminish us.

Or forever hold us to what we once believed.

To love as Jesus loves is to know one another as beloved children of God.

The way of Jesus opens our eyes and changes us, and when we change, the world changes.

Thanks be to God, who leads us on paths of resurrection.

In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, loved, and free.

*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.

Children are invited to come forward and find a rug or pillow and sit by the baptismal font.

ANTHEM

God Is There
NDPC Children's Choir

Zollene Reissner

PROCLAMATION

WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

**May God's blessing rest on each one of you.
May God's light shine on you, and make your path clear.
May hope carry you through the challenging times,
and gratitude be your response when life is good.**

*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 READINGS

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

Z Is for Zacchaeus

Victoria Robinson

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

The Power of One
NDPC Community Choir

Larry King

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Change-for-change contributions in May support our free fridge ministries. The ATL FreeFridge is supported through mutual aid and is open 24/7 for all to give as they can and take as they need. To further support the fridge community, NDPC provides a case manager who meets with anyone in need of advice and referrals for mental health and health services, housing, and more. **Text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256 (or leave an offering in the plate on your way out today).***

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Victoria Robinson and Rev. Rick Neale

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

**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).**

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.

(sing) **Amen. (3x)**

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Holy Manna

William Moore

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

* CLOSING SONG

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Glory to God #435

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Heavenly Sunlight

George Harrison Cook

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NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY

The floral pantry arrangement is provided today to celebrate the ATL FreeFridge community. The bounty of this arrangement will be added to the pantry after worship.

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Livestream and video are produced by NDPC volunteers. If you would like to help with our weekly audio and video production, come up to the balcony and introduce yourself to the team.

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 to the right — 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,

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.

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

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops is available to meet to support your spiritual, mental, and physical health. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. maryanona@ndpc.org,

Revs. David Lewicki and Erin Reed Cooper are on leave April-May.

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