



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

June 15, 2025

10:00 AM

*An * means we rise together in body or spirit; **bold text** words are spoken in unison.*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Glory to God #452

CHIMES

SILENT PRAYER *We enter God's presence in silence. God bids us "welcome."*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 86:11-13*
Claudia Brogan, liturgist

Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul.

* OPENING SONG *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Glory to God #408

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad.

MEDITATION

The word "heart" appears over 1000 times in the Bible.

Hearts in Scripture are many things. They are: *pure, whole, closed, broken, sorrowful, pounding, groaning, rebellious, warring, hot, full of strife, crooked, smitten, fixed, steadfast.*

Hearts do many things. They: *teach, stir, melt, dance, quake, hide secrets, meditate, take courage, are spoken to, are given away.*

In the Judaic tradition, the heart is the crucible of the person's true essence. That essence can be noble, or wicked, or in transformation. The heart is "the real me," who I really am, even what I really love and want.

The heart is also the part of us that God wants to be near.

What's interesting about the Judaic tradition is that it was the first people to arrive at an abstract notion of God—God could not be represented with an image. But from the beginning, God also has a heart—one just like ours. It is the central part of God that can be hurt and angered and softened—and changed.

SILENCE

How is God speaking to you in these words?

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."

In Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, 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; or, if you choose, shake hands or offer a warm embrace to the Beloveds of God who are seated near you.

Children 3rd grade and younger are invited to leave for a time of Worship & Wonder, followed by playtime on the playground. Parents should pick up children on the playground after worship. Children may also stay in worship. There are quiet worship activities in the Narthex that they can bring back to their seats, or enjoy worship in the Narthex with an adult.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

2 Cor. 3:1-3, 17

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Explosions of Joy

Rev. L'Anni Hill

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Look at the World
NDPC Summer Singers

John Rutter

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

100% of Change-for-Change contributions in June support Decatur Cooperative Ministries (DCM). DCM's mission is to support families facing homelessness settle into safe, stable homes and build healthy lives. DCM operates Decatur's only homeless shelter, Hagar's House, which serves families experiencing homelessness; they also help with homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing. NDPC owns two homes adjacent to the church—the Winn House and the Wise House—and we partner with DCM to house families for 6 months who are transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

To give by text, text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256. You may also **use the QR Code**. Scan the code, enter the amount of your gift, and in the dropdown menu called "Fund," find "Change for Change." **To give cash**, leave an offering in the plate on your way out today. Thank you for supporting the healing of the world in the name of God.



* CLOSING SONG

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Glory to God 286

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

arr. W. Dawson

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. L'Anni Hill. Rev. Dr. Hill (LCSW, MDiv, DMin) has worked professionally as both a parish pastor and as a psychotherapist in private practice. She is a clergy affiliate at NDPC.

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WELCOME, VISITORS

We're happy you've joined us! It takes courage to show up at a new church. Introduce yourself to those around you as you feel comfortable. If you share your email address in the red Welcome Pad, we will send you the weekly NDPC e-newsletter. Learn more about NDPC at **www.ndpc.org**. We come from different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship, so please use language and pronouns for God and for yourself that are authentic to you. After worship, the pastors would love to meet you in person. Ready to join NDPC? Email engagement@ndpc.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Children are welcome in worship at NDPC. The nursery, located off the hallway just outside the sanctuary door, is open for kids 0-3. For PreK – 3rd grade, Worship & Wonder is our child-centered worship; kids go to W&W right after the passing of the peace and are picked up by parents on the playground after worship. Kids who stay with their adult for worship are free to move around in the narthex where you can listen to worship with your child, and there are child-friendly quiet activities in the Children's Corner that can be enjoyed there or taken back to your seat. The presence of children in worship is a gift, never a disruption.

Would a large print hymnal, magnifying glass, or hearing assist device help you worship? Ask an usher and they will gladly assist you. Let us know how we can make worship accessible for you.

If you would like to volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, donate flowers, or share comments about worship, email worship@ndpc.org.

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

Revs. David Lewicki and Mary Anona Stoops are available to meet for pastoral care. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. Email david@ndpc.org or maryanona@ndpc.org.

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