



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 29, 2025
10:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

GATHERING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

Glory to God #450

CHIMES & SILENT PRAYER

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91:14-16 (The Message)
Jan Cribbs, liturgist

God says, "If you'll hold on to me for dear life,
I'll get you out of any trouble.

I'll give you the best of care

if you'll only get to know and trust me.

Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times;

I'll rescue you, then throw you a party.

I'll give you a long life,

give you a long drink of salvation!"

* OPENING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Glory to God #366

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

Praying, by Mary Oliver, from *Thirst* (2007).

SILENCE

How is God speaking to you in these words?

REFLECTIONS ON THE MEDITATION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Jesus says, “ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

By God's grace through Jesus Christ, 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 2nd 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

Romans 8:31-39 (The Message)

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. David Lewicki

Prayer for People Who Have Trouble Praying: The Breastplate of St. Francis

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
 by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
I bind this day to me forever,
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation;
 his baptism in the Jordan river;
his death on the cross for my salvation.
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
 his riding up the heavenly way;
 his coming at the day of doom
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
 the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,

the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
 the stable earth, the deep salt sea
 around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
 the power of God to hold and lead,
God's eye to watch, God's might to stay,
 God's ear to hearken to my need,
 the wisdom of my God to teach,
God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward,
 the word of God to give me speech,
God's heavenly host to be my guard.
Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,

by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, the One in Three,
of whom all nature has creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.

Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love
NDPC Summer Singers
Carolyn Mielke, guest conductor; LuAnn Latzanich, piano

arr. Hal Hopson

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

I Bind Unto Myself Today

Glory to God #6

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. B. Wolaver

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: Meditation: Weeds, by Overduebook, on flickr.com (creative commons); Sermon: *ARCHED LIGHT*, by Elgan Jones, flickr.com (creative commons); *Martyr*, by Abraham Rattner (1944)

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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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