



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

October 12, 2025

11 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

GATHERING SONG

Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples

God of Glory #757

CHIMES & SILENT PRAYER

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Tucker Schoenenberg, liturgist

Speak, Holy One, for we are here.

Young, old, or in-between, you call us:

Speak, Holy One, for we are here.

Male, female, or non-binary, you call us:

Speak, Holy One, for we are here.

Working, retired, at school, or at home, you call us:

Speak, Holy One, for we are here.

Joyful, or sorrowing, rested or restless, you call us:

Speak, Holy One, for we are here.

Carefree, or full of care, you call us:

Speak, Holy One, for we are here.

In all our diversity, and in our unity, you call us:

Speak, Holy One, for we are here.

Speak, Holy One, for we are listening.

On this new day, gathered as God's people: come, let us listen, for God is still calling.

* OPENING SONG

Here in This Place

Glory to God #401

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

call it our craziness even,
call it anything.
it is the life thing in us
that will not let us die.
even in death's hand
we fold the fingers up
and call them greens and
grow on them,
we hum them and make music
we are lost from the field
of flowers, we become
a field of flowers.
call it our craziness
our wildness
call it our roots,
it is the light in us
it is the light of us
it is the light, call it
whatever you have to,
call it anything.

"roots" by Lucille Clifton

SILENCE

How is God speaking to you in these words?

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Listen—

Even in the barren places, the Holy One is humming life.
Even where we have turned away, grace keeps unfolding, rooting itself in us.

You are not lost.
You are part of the wild mercy that refuses to die.
You are forgiven.
You are loved.
You belong to the light that lives in you and through you.

**Thanks be to God, who grows life from our dust
and beauty from our woundedness.**

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We've Come This Far by Faith

Glory to God #463

* 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 are welcomed and encouraged to remain with their family; they may utilize our worship bags located in the Narthex or go out at anytime to visit the Children's Corner in the narthex to find a quiet activity.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

I Samuel 3:1-10

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

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Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart
NDPC Community Choir

arr. Mary Lynn Lightfoot

2025 NDPC GRATITUDE CAMPAIGN: *SUSTAIN, NOURISH, CHALLENGE*

Susan Henschen

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

The Change-for-Change offering in October supports the EcoVillage School. In Haiti, where life is defined by uncertainty and hardship, the school stands as a lifeline of hope. While much of the country struggles with violence, hunger, and the absence of governance, the school provides a sanctuary of safety, learning, and community. Learn more: <https://www.haitiecovillageschool.org>

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.



* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

(use these or other words that are close to your heart)

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).

* CLOSING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

Glory to God #307

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Day of Peace

C. Huebert, H. Parry

REGISTER FOR THE CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Plan to attend the birthday party lunch immediately after worship on **Sunday, October 26**. The church will provide boxed lunches and birthday cake for all.



Reserve a spot for you and your family [HERE](#). **The deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 19**. We will have childcare for 0-3-year-olds and supervised activities for other children. We have a lot to celebrate together!

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: *Untitled*, by Zsuzsa Bóka, *Shulamit Izen*, Boston Globe (2005)

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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 – 2nd 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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