



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

EASTERTIDE

April 19, 2026

11:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Processional Alleluia
NDPC Handbell Choir

Kevin McChesney

CHIMES & SILENCE

We enter God's presence in silence.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Spencer Henschen, liturgist

We do not choose Christ,

Christ chooses us.

We aren't here because we are good disciples,

but because Christ's grace keeps picking us up off the ground.

We are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to let the light of the world shine on us and in us.

We are not here to be entertained,

but to orient our lives toward Being itself.

* OPENING SONG

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Glory to God #721

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.
And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.
When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.

So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.
Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.

Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.
Listen to carrion -- put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.
So long as Women do not go cheap
for power, please Women more than men.
Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front, by Wendell Berry, from *The Country of Marriage*, 1973.

REFLECTION ON THE MEDITATION

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Christ, you are alive,
and you show yourself to us again and again.

**We are your sheep,
a flock of grace and rehabilitation,
a people of forgiveness and hope,
a living embodiment of your endless love.**

In Christ we are forgiven, loved, and free!

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; or, if you choose, shake hands or offer a warm embrace to the Beloveds of God who are seated near you.

Children 4 yrs. through 2nd grade are invited to leave now with leaders for our child-centered Worship & Wonder time; they may be picked up in the Worship & Wonder room after service. Children may also remain with their family; they may use our worship bags located in the Narthex or go out at any time to visit the Children's Corner in the narthex to find a quiet activity.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 21:1-19

SERMON Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM *Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen* Johannes Brahms
NDPC Community Choir; Carolyn Mielke, guest conductor

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen,
Herr Zebaoth!

Meine seele verlanget und sehnet
sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn;
mein Leib und Seele freuen sich
in dem lebendigen Gott.

Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen,
die loben dich immerdar.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
forever singing your praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

April Change-for-Change contributions support Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc. (MDM). Located only five miles from North Decatur, MDM provides safe, affordable, and welcoming space for numerous nonprofits, worshipping communities, and community groups that serve the diverse, predominantly refugee population in the greater-Clarkston area. Learn more about Memorial Drive Ministries and its onsite partners at mdmATL.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.



* CLOSING SONG *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* Glory to God #298

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Henry Thomas Smart

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: ?

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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 become a member of 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 ages 0-3. During 11AM worship, Worship & Wonder is our child-centered worship for kids PreK-2nd grade; kids are led by an adult to the W&W room right after the passing of the peace and are picked up there by parents after worship. Kids who stay in worship are free to go to the Narthex (with an adult) where 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. Questions about kids at NDPC? Email kristin@ndpc.org.

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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