



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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THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

April 5, 2026

11:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

*Easter Alleluia
NDPC Handbell Choir*

Susan T. Nelson

* SCRIPTURE

-from John's gospel

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

* SUNG RESPONSE

Alleluia (solo)

* SCRIPTURE

-from John's gospel

Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

* SUNG RESPONSE

Alleluia (duet)

* SCRIPTURE

-from John's gospel

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

* SUNG RESPONSE

Alleluia (all)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Tveit, liturgist

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Heaven and earth, rejoice! Jesus Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Glory to God #232

RECONCILIATION

MEDITATION

There have been times
when, after long on my knees
in a cold chancel, a stone has rolled
from my mind, and I have looked
in and seen the old questions lie
folded and in a place
by themselves, like the piled
graveclothes of love's risen body.

-excerpt from "The Answer," by R.S. Thomas, *Collected Poems (1945-1990)*.

the green of Jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious Jesus
is opening the house and
the dance of Jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of Jesus and
the future is possible

"spring song," by Lucille Clifton, *The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton*.

SILENT PRAYER

In the quiet, receive in your spirit the gift of Resurrection and Life.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-1 Peter 1:3

Praise to our God! By God's great mercy, we are given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God #582

*PASSING THE PEACE

Share a sign of peace with one another. Say, "The peace of Christ be with you." 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 any time to visit the Children's Corner in the narthex to find a quiet activity.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 20:10-18

SERMON

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
NDPC Community Choir*

Tom Fettke

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

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.



COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**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).**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

This table is a map for all who are lost
It's a community for all who are lonely
This table welcomes immigrants and refugees
Because the good shepherd says, *I know my sheep and my sheep know me.*

This table is a balm in Gilead that strengthens body and soul
This table is food for all who are hungry, drink for all who are thirsty
The water I give, Jesus promises, is a spring welling up to eternal life.

This table is a carnival of delight
This table is the promise of new life beyond our grief and loss
This table is a rush of joy, the thrill of being part of God's world
I have come, Jesus declares, that you may have life and have it abundantly.

This table is holding hands with the one we love without fear or shame
This table is an embrace that shelters children amid crossing bullets
This table is a shout of "glory, glory, alleluia" from a weary world
I am the true vine, Jesus says. Abide in me and I abide in you.

This table is a prison door unlocked
This table is a job that feeds the family
This table is education for every child
This table is a shelter for every head to lay down at night
There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends.

This table is a light shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
This table is the place where our young see visions and our elders dream dreams
This table is perfect love casting out all fear
This table is every tear wiped away
This table is God's future; it is all things made new.
I am the resurrection and the life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(use these or 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).**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

The ushers will invite you forward, beginning in the front. If you wish to stay seated, an elder can bring you Communion. To make this meal accessible, the bread is gluten-free and cup is grape juice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, come forward placing your hands over your heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, at this table, you have shared your life with us. Abide in us as we abide in you — that we may we live in peace, and give ourselves in love for the life of the world. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* Glory to God #248

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1: V. Toccata* Charles-Marie Widor

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Images of the Day: *Dreamstime*, by Svetlana Diacenco, *Grass Blades*, Barta IV (flickr: creative commons). *Noli me tangere*, Graham Sutherland, 1961. *Winter Sunrise*, *Sierra Nevada*, from *Lone Pine, California*, by Ansel Adams, 1944.

WELCOME, VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us! It takes courage to show up at a new church. Please introduce yourself to those around you as you are comfortable. If you share your email address in the red Welcome Pads, we will send you the weekly NDPC e-newsletter. You can learn more about NDPC's programs at www.ndpc.org. We come from many different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship. Feel free to 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.

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. The presence of children in worship at NDPC is a gift, never a disruption. Questions? 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.

Videos of previous worship services are available at ndpc.org. **Subscribe to NDPC's 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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