



*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

May 17, 2026

11:00 AM

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

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**PREPARATION & ADORATION**

\* GATHERING MUSIC

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (v. 1x2)  
We Are Standing on Holy Ground (x2)*

Glory to God #408  
Glory to God #406

CHIMES & SILENCE

*We enter God's presence in silence.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Virginia Legener, liturgist

Rejoice in the Lord, always. Again, I say, rejoice.  
Not because all is easy—but because Love is near.

**We open our hearts to the movement of Love in this place.**

**We trust the One who holds every note.**

Come, let your gentleness be evident.

Come, let your prayers rise.

Come, set your minds on what is true and lovely.

**In the midst of all we feel,**

**we worship the God of peace.**

\* OPENING SONG

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart  
(v.1: Christ your Lord)*

Glory to God #804

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

I want a word that means  
okay and not okay,  
a word that means  
devastated and stunned with joy.  
I want the word that says  
I feel it all, all at once.

The heart is not like a songbird  
singing only one note at a time,  
more like a Tuvan throat singer  
able to sing both a drone  
and simultaneously  
two or three harmonics high above it—  
a sound, the Tuvans say,  
that gives the impression  
of wind swirling among rocks.  
The heart understands the swirl,  
how the churning of opposite feelings  
weaves through us like an insistent breeze,  
leads us wordlessly deeper into ourselves,  
blesses us with paradox  
so we might walk more openly  
into this world so rife with devastation,  
This world is so ripe with joy.

-by Rosemary Wahtola Trommer, "For When People Ask"  
(*Living Into All the Honey*, 2023)

#### REFLECTION ON THE MEDITATION

##### \* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

In Christ, we are not condemned for our fear,  
nor shamed for our doubt.  
We are gathered, guided, and gently restored.  
The One who calls us to rejoice  
also surrounds us with mercy.

**Alive in you, Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and free!**  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

##### \*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*

##### \* 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

Philippians 4:4-9

#### SERMON

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

## DEDICATION

### ANTHEM

*The Lone, Wild Bird*  
*Traditional, arranged by Dale Trumbore*  
*Gillian Hollis, Soprano*

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight  
is still with you, nor leaves your sight.  
And I am yours! I rest in you,  
Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

Each secret thought is known to you,  
the path I walk my whole life through;  
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears,  
my deepest joys, my silent tears.

The ends of earth are in your hand,  
the sea's dark deep and far off land.  
And I am yours! I rest in you,  
Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

*Our Change-for-Change contributions in May supports the **National Alliance on Mental Illness**. The Peace & Justice Committee has supported NAMI and participated in the annual walkathon for many years. Our church has many members in the Mental Health profession and by donating to NAMI we indirectly acknowledge their magnanimous service. Our church also has many members who receive mental health care; we pray for patients and families experiencing mental health challenges. For more information please visit [namiga.org](http://namiga.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 "Fund" dropdown menu, select "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

*You Shall Go Out in Joy*

Glory to God #80

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Ellacombe*

Gesangbuch der Hofkapelle

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## NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY

**About today's anthem: Dale Trumbore** is a Los Angeles-based composer and writer. Her compositions have been performed worldwide by ensembles including Central West Ballet, Conspirare and the Miró Quartet, Los Angeles Master Chorale, National Youth Choir of Scotland, and Pasadena Symphony. She has written about establishing a career in music in essays and in two books. Learn more about her at [daletrumbore.com](http://daletrumbore.com). **Gillian Hollis** is currently pursuing her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at University of Wisconsin-Madison. After a bout with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Gillian returned to the stage as Contessa in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* and Emily in Ned Rorem's operatic adaptation of *Our Town*. Last April she presented her first doctoral recital, *when she puts pen to paper*, featuring settings of women's poetry and lyrics by women composers from antiquity to the present. Next spring, she will perform as Governess in Britten's *Turn of the Screw*. Her doctoral research is on disability and mental health among musicians in higher education. Dale and Gillian are frequent collaborators in composing and recording.

### **Flowers: Jaime Jones-Wormley and Lin Wormley**

**Today's Images in Worship:** *Falling Fool* by Michael Leunig (Australian, 1945–), Art and Theology. Vermillion Cliffs National Monument in Arizona, Kojihirano, Getty Images. Shore Bindweed, Pensacola Beach, Mary Anona Stoops. NDPC Youth, Kristin Hicks.

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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](http://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](mailto: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-2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:worship@ndpc.org).

**Videos of previous worship services** are available at [ndpc.org](http://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](mailto:david@ndpc.org) or [maryanona@ndpc.org](mailto:maryanona@ndpc.org).

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