



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

ORDINARY TIME

June 14, 2026

10:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

* GATHERING MUSIC *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* Glory to God #366

CHIMES & SILENCE *We enter God's presence in silence.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP Barbara Gifford, liturgist

Once upon a time
a wise person offered a challenge;
"What is the greatest commandment?"
Our calendars share a vision of greatness;
Calls to return, appointments to keep, money to make—
Love the Lord your God.

Commandments come from all around:
children to bathe and groceries to buy,
plans to make and promises to keep.
**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

The Spirit lures us to new priorities;
open spaces to experience wonder,
strangers becoming friends,
devotion to that which transcends.
**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
Love your neighbor as yourself.**

* OPENING SONG *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* Glory to God #203

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

Leviticus 19:18: You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself**: I am the Lord.

Mark 12: ²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ **you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.**’ ³¹ The second is this, ‘**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Matthew 22: ³⁴ ... an expert in the law, asked [Jesus] a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ ³⁸ **This is the greatest and first commandment.** ³⁹ **And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’** ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Luke 10: ²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.□ “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.**” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

Romans 13: ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments... are summed up in this word, “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Galatians 5: ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**”

SERMON

*The Sermon I Need to Hear:
Loving God & Neighbor*

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love
NDPC Summer Singers

arr. Hal Hopson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

*May you know the love of God.
May you be strengthened by love.
May love flow through you into the world.*

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

Change-for-Change contributions in June support Decatur Cooperative Ministries. DCM’s mission is to support families facing homelessness settle into safe, stable homes and build healthy lives.

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.



COMMISSIONING YOUTH & LEADERS FOR MONTREAT

* CLOSING SONG *I'll Fly Away*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Are Called* David Haas

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: *Mary Magdalene and Mary sit opposite the tomb* (2025), by Bethany Tobin. *Happy Father's Day*, by John Ryan, flickr.com (creative commons).

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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. Curious about becoming a member of NDPC? Send an email to engagement@ndpc.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Children are welcome in worship at NDPC. The nursery, located off the hallway just outside the sanctuary, is open for ages 0-3. Kids PreK-2nd grade are welcome to go to the kids' gathering after the passing of the peace or remain with their families in worship. The presence of children here is a gift, never a disruption. Questions about kids and families 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.

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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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