



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

August 16th, 2026

11:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

* GATHERING MUSIC *Let All Things Now Living* Glory to God #37

* CHIMES

* CALL TO WORSHIP -after Psalm 103; Carter Broome, liturgist

People, get ready!
Come and praise the eternal God!
**Let all that is within us—
body, emotions, mind, and will—
praise God's holy name!**

God is merciful,
God's healing grace is poured out up all,
**God fills us with good and beautiful things,
satisfying our needs and restoring our strength.**

People, get ready!
Come and praise the eternal God!
**We will sing songs from a grateful heart,
and remember all that God has done.**

* OPENING SONG *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* Glory to God #619

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEDITATION

The brain is locked in total darkness.... It floats in a clear liquid inside the skull, never in the light. And yet the world it constructs in the mind is full of light. It brims with color and movement. So how, children, does the brain, which lives without a spark of light, build for us a world full of light?

-from Anthony Doerr, *All the Light We Cannot See*

SILENCE

In the quiet, see the images and notice how they make you feel.

Migrant Mother, by Dorothea Lange
Hustlers, by Philip-Lorca diCorcia
Refugees in the Korem Camp, Ethiopia, 1984, by Sebastiao Salgado
Flower Child, 1967, by Marc Riboud
The Kiss at City Hall of Paris, by Robert Doisneau
Trolley, New Orleans, 1955, by Robert Frank
Simiane-La-Rotonde, 1969, by Henry Cartier-Bresson
NDPC at Night, by David Lewicki
Georgia Aster, creative commons

RESPONDING TO THE MEDITATION

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Alice Walker wrote in *The Color Purple*: "My first step from [seeing God as] the old white man was trees. Then air. Then birds. Then other people. But one day when I was sitting quiet and feeling like a motherless child, which I was, it come to me: that feeling of being part of everything, not separate at all. I knew that if I cut a tree, my arm would bleed. And I laughed and cried and I run all around the house. I knew just what it was. In fact, when it happen, you can't miss it.... I think it p----- God off if you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it."

**Every day, God's extravagant gifts
surround us
and fill us
and connect us
with everyone and everything.
Glory to God!**

*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 reflection time. 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

SERMON

A Heart with God

Rev. David Lewicki

Video: *How Emotions Work*, feat. neuroscientist Lisa Feldman Barrett, from BigThink (YouTube)

DEDICATION

SONG

Both Sides, Now
Huu Mai, baritone and piano

Joni Mitchell

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

Change-for-Change contributions in August support our immigrant-serving partner organizations: Casa Alterna (www.casaalterna.org), El Refugio (www.elrefugiostewart.org), and Team Libertad (www.teamlibertad.org). Please take time to learn about and support these organizations.

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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Glory to God #761

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today We All Are Called

Ralph Vaughan Williams

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Images in Worship: Still image from the movie *Shoplifters* (2018), dir. Kore-eda Hirokazu.
Other images noted in the liturgy.

Today's flowers are given by Ginny Bowen.

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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.

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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