



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 23rd, 2026

11:00 AM

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

PREPARATION & ADORATION

* GATHERING MUSIC

*Red Clay Halo
Anchored in Love Divine*

The Garden Fresh Pickers

* CHIMES

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenda Clay, liturgist

In spite of all the chaos that surrounds us,
this is the day that the Lord has made.

In spite of the jumble of emotions within us,
we can rejoice and be glad in the making of the day and the night,
and in the truth that God, in Christ, experienced
the chaos of human life and every emotion
that our beautiful broken world can inspire.

In other words,

Jesus knows how we feel.

Let us worship our God!

* OPENING SONG

God of Compassion in Mercy Befriend Us

Glory to God #436

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad.
We will be inviting some angry expressions into our worship this morning. It may be disturbing for
smaller children. Adults are prepared to greet young children in the Narthex now.*

PSALM OF ANGER & LAMENT

Psalm 10

¹ Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

² In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor—

let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

³ For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart;

those greedy for gain curse and renounce the Lord.

⁴ In the pride of their countenance the wicked say, "God will not seek it out";

all their thoughts are, "There is no God."

- ⁵ Their ways prosper at all times;
 your judgments are on high, out of their sight;
 as for their foes, they scoff at them.
- ⁶ They think in their heart, "We shall not be moved;
 throughout all generations we shall not meet adversity."
- ⁷ Their mouths are filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;
 under their tongues are mischief and iniquity.
- ⁸ They sit in ambush in the villages;
 in hiding places they murder the innocent.
 Their eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;
- ⁹ they lurk in secret like a lion in its den;
 they lurk that they may seize the poor;
 they seize the poor and drag them off in their net.
- ¹⁰ They stoop, they crouch,
 and the helpless fall by their might.
- ¹¹ They think in their heart, "God has forgotten;
 he has hidden his face; he will never see it."
- ¹² Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;
 do not forget the oppressed.
- ¹³ Why do the wicked renounce God
 and say in their hearts, "You will not call us to account"?
- ¹⁴ But you do see! Indeed, you note trouble and grief,
 that you may take it into your hands;
 the helpless commit themselves to you;
 you have been the helper of the orphan.
- ¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers;
 seek out their wickedness until you find none.
- ¹⁶ The Lord is [ruler] forever and ever;
 the nations shall perish from his land.
- ¹⁷ O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek;
 you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear
- ¹⁸ to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
 so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

PRAYERS OF ANGER & LAMENT

...And the people's hearts let loose... (*shout, growl, bang on the pews, or use a noisemaker*)

SONG

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

Glory to God #470

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE & 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

We've come this far by faith,
 leaning on the Lord,
 trusting in the holy Word;

God's never failed us yet.
O, can't turn around,
we've come this far by faith.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:38-48

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

SERMON

A Heart with God: Responding to the Anger Around & Within Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

SONG

Travellin' Through

by Dolly Parton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Charlie Cromwell

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

Amazing Grace

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
I'll Fly Away*

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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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