

YOU ONLY HAVE TO DIE

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COME AS YOU ARE WORSHIP

MARCH 18, 2018

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ATTENDANCE REPORT			
MARCH 11, 2018	8:45AM	11AM	11:15AM CAYA
ATTENDANCE	59	267	69
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$15,121		
2018 YTD CONTRIBUTIONS	\$261,619		

HOLY WEEK MIDDAY WORSHIP | MONDAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 26-30

Worship service at 12:00pm in sanctuary. Free lunch in Fellowship Hall after.

- **MONDAY** The Rev. Ralph Thompson (Columbia Drive UMC)
- **TUESDAY** The Rev. James Brewer-Calvert (Decatur First Christian Church)
- **WEDNESDAY** The Rev. Stacey Rushing (Grace UMC)
- **THURSDAY** The Rev. Joya Abrams (Decatur First UMC)
- **FRIDAY** The Rev. Patrick Faulhaber (North Decatur UMC)

PALMS TO PASSION CONCERT | FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a concert featuring the Decatur First Chancel Choir with orchestra. No admission cost. Childcare provided.

EASTER SUNDAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Sunrise Service at 7:00am at the Decatur Cemetery. Traditional worship

at 8:45am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary or Modern, Come As You Are (CAYA) worship at 11:15am in the Chapel on Sycamore.

EASTER EATS, SUNDAY, APRIL 1 FROM 9:30-10:45AM

On Easter Sunday, Decatur First UMC will host our annual Easter Eats. Our plan is to set up in front of the church (weather permitting) and offer finger food and drinks. Sunday School classes are asked to provide brunch type items that morning (enough food for 30 people is appreciated). **Volunteers needed and welcome - contact Chris Opstad, Easter Eats Coordinator:** copstad@comcast.net

EASTER CRAFTS FOR KIDS | EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1 | 9:30AM

Families join us on the front lawn of the main sanctuary and enjoy being together with your church family. Children's crafts and lawn games available. NO children's Sunday School on Easter Sunday. A nursery is available from 8:30am-12:30pm on the 1st floor of the main building for children up to age pre-Kindergarten.

YOUTH CHAPERONES

We are looking for adults to support our youth group! Youth group is on Sundays (6-8pm) and hosts around 40 youth. We are looking for a commitment of 1-2 Sundays per month. **Tyler Ward:** tyler@ndumc.org

WELCOME!

We are blessed to worship together this morning! We strive to move hearts and employ hands for God's kingdom and to create a space for all people to worship and fellowship.

SERMON

You Only Have to Die: The Death of Avoidance

Rev. Joya Abrams

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. John 12:20-33

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you have any questions about the sermon or anything you experienced during the service, we would love to hear from you! Email Rev. Joya Abrams: jabrams@decaturfirst.org

YOUTH GROUP TODAY | 6-8PM AT DECATUR FIRST UMC

CORN HOLE OR LAWN GAME NEEDED FOR EASTER EATS

May we borrow one of your lawn games as we host Easter Eats on Sunday, April 1? **Robin Harp:** childrensministries@decaturfirst.org

LOVE GROWS HERE SILENT AUCTION THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Fun, adult-only evening from 6:30-9:00pm at the Solarium at Oakhurst with food, drink and auction items. **TICKETS:** dfumpreschool@gmail.com

DECATUR FIRST MUSIC 'N MORE CAMP | JUNE 4-8 | 9AM-3PM

Come join us as we explore God's amazing Heroes of Faith!

For rising 1st-5th graders. www.decaturfirst/summer-2018

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: A LENTEN STUDY | WEDNESDAYS | 6-7PM

MARCH 21: Labyrinth Walk at [North Decatur UMC](#)

CAFÉ DECATUR | WEDNESDAY | 5-6:30PM | \$6/PERSON: Adults/Kids

pulled pork, pulled chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, buns, fruit, dessert

2018 GREATER DECATUR ASP YOUTH MISSION | JUNE 23-30

Informational meeting TODAY at 12:30pm in the Gathering Room. We'll provide general information - www.decaturfirst.org/missions

GREATER DECATUR COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS | 6:30PM NORTH DECATUR, 1523 CHURCH ST

MARCH 18 Those with mental illness share their experience

MARCH 25 How to support those living with mental health conditions

GREATER DECATUR SPRING PICNIC | SUNDAY, APRIL 15

4PM | GLENLAKE PARK - Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

CAYA SMALL GROUP FOUNDERS MEETING

All CAYA community are invited on March 25 at 10am in Room 303. We want your voice to make the most of what God has called us to do in our relationships and faith-building. **Eric Tumperi:** edtumperi@yahoo.com

CAYA SOUND ENGINEERS NEEDED

Need four volunteers to serve on a rotation schedule to assist in working the sound board for the CAYA worship service. Training provided. **Contact Matt Goodman:** mgoodman@decaturfirst.org



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