



We welcome all.

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.

611 Medlock Road, Decatur, GA 30033
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"
David Leonard, *guitar*

BUNESSAN

WELCOME

Rev. Beth Waltemath

CENTERING PRAYER

Kendra Peebles
Based on Romans 14, by Beth Waltemath

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Whether we greet it or hide from it, every second welcomes us.

This is the bread given for us.
Whether we savor it or abstain from it, every crumb offers nourishment.

This is the world we share. The work we bear together.
Who are we to judge those who labor beside us?
Who are we to measure another's burden before we offer to shoulder it too?
Let us stand together in the light of Divine Love.
Let us kneel together in the mercy of the Lord.

In the silence release the judgments of yourself and others that hinder your experience of God's grace flowing freely to and through you and stop our collective action for a merciful and just world made for earth as it is in heaven.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Romans 14:8-9

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.
If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
Beloveds, you are the Lord's. Forgiven, loved, and free. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

During the Passing of the Peace, share a sign of peace with others in your home and greet others who are worshiping online by writing messages in the comment/chat section.

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
Julia Glicksberg, *soloist*

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-12

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. **2** Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. **3** Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. **4** Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. **6** Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. **8** If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. **11** For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to ^[L] God."

12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.^[L]

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Difference

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rob Schoonover

**Our Father [Mother] in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Members who've made a 2020 pledge are encouraged to give through automatic payment arranged through their bank or to send a check by mail. Visitors and those giving outside a pledge, are encouraged to mail checks to NDPC, 611 Medlock Rd, Decatur, GA 30033, donate through Paypal at www.ndpc.org or **Text 'NDPC \$20' (or any amount) to 73256** to give to the church's general fund.*

Change for Change is for **Decatur Cooperative Ministries (DCM)**. Text **'NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)' to 73256** to give to give to Change for Change.

OFFERTORY

SOMOS DEL SENOR

“When We Are Living”
David Leonard, guitar

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

David German

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

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People come from many backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship at NDPC. We invite you to use the language, whether for God or persons, that is authentic and inspiring to you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

If you would like to donate flowers, volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, or submit comments or suggestions about worship, please email worship@ndpc.org.

Recent sermons are available for online listening at <http://ndpc.org/worship/sermon-podcasts>.

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Pastoral Care:

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