



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.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

OPENING HYMN

DIOS ESTÁ AQUI

“God Is Here Today”

Capo 2: (D) (A7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
 E B7 C#m E7 A

God is here to - day; as cer - tain
 Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo él

as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
 ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
 la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
 cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

CENTERING PRAYER

Together, let us pray:

O Holy One, you bless the meek, the merciful and the poor.
 Will you bless us, too?

O Holy One, you bless the hungry, the peacemakers and the persecuted.
 Will you bless us, too?

O Holy One, your story is a story of blessing, bless us too
 For we are hungry for hope, mercy and peace.

SILENT PRAYERS

In the quiet, be still, do not say anything, do anything, relax...let your God Look upon you and love you, be still, be quiet....receive the blessing of Christ.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Christ renews us in body, mind and spirit, and blesses us for our well-being.
 Christ binds us to one another, blesses us and calls us beloved for the healing of the world.
 This day and in all the days to come receive the blessings of Christ and be at peace.

Alleluia, 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

“You Should Love the Lord, Your God”

**You should love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.
You should love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord with all your strength. Love the Lord with all your mind.
You should also love your neighbor as yourself.**

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jesse Manibusan

“Open My Eyes”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and repetitive. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: "O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice." Below the second staff, the lyrics are: "O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear." The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the staff.

**Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 4

⁶ Understand that in the same way that Abraham *believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness*, ⁷ those who believe are the children of Abraham. ⁸ But when it saw ahead of time that God would make the Gentiles righteous on the basis of faith, scripture preached the gospel in advance to Abraham: *All the Gentiles will be blessed in you*. ⁹ Therefore, those who believe are blessed together with Abraham who believed.

¹⁴ He redeemed us so that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, and that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

¹⁹ So why was the Law given? If a Law had been given that was able to give life, then righteousness would in fact have come from the Law. ²² But scripture locked up all things under sin, so that the promise based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ might be given to those who have faith. ²³ Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, ²⁴ so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

²⁶ You are all God’s children through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Sherrill Terry

**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 through our website, ndpc.org or **Text 73256** to give.*

OFFERTORY

arr. Mark Hayes

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav’n and home
when Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him; from care He sets me free.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He’s protecting,
and I know that He’s loving, and I know He watches me.

Anne Strickland, *soloist*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

James Biery

“Gigue from **A Suffolk Suite**”

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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.

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Pastoral Care:

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