



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 30, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

OPENING HYMN

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

Julia Glicksberg, *soloist*

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
 2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
 know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
 one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here
with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we
lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

WELCOME

Rev. Erin Reed Cooper

CENTERING PRAYER

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God. and the Word WAS God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word, not one thing came into being.

SILENT PRAYERS

In the silence, notice your ends and your beginnings, and all the journey in-between.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

What has come into being in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness. and the darkness does not overcome it. The light – the life – the

Word – shines for you, in all of your dark places, the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. In the light of the Word, you are forgiven loved and free!

May the peace of Christ be with you! (And also with you!)
Please, share the Word with your fellow travelers, near and far!

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.
You should love the Lord, your God, with all your strength, and 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 (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: "O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face." Below the second staff, the lyrics are: "O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice." The second staff continues with "O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see." and "O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear." with blank lines for continuation.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Ending

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Carol Tveit

**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

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OFFERTORY

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Wilbur Held

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace"

Paul Manz

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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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