



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

September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
Michael Morgan, accompaniment

FAITHFULNESS

WELCOME

Rev. Beth Waltemath

CENTERING PRAYER

Based on Exodus 17

When we look at ourselves, we see stony stares and parched lips.
We thirst for water, for justice, for a kind word.
Beneath our masks, we ache for a holy kiss, the breath of a friend
When they greet us with a hug, after a long time apart.

But instead we quarrel as a country, as people who choose sides,
And enslave others by our ideals and our attachments to a certain way of life.

What shall we do, O God, with ourselves, your people?
Who will lead us? Shall we be the among the elders that search for water?

In the silence listen to the voice calls you out of the wilderness. Calm your confusion and your quarrels and feel the flowing assurance of God's presence, like water from a rock.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

“I will be standing in front of you,” God said.
Strike the rock, water will flow.
Drink. Quench the thirst of the people.
God’s mercy flows freely among us always. **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

LIVING GOD

“Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

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

SERMON

Wilderness & Memory

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

**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

Today’s message is from **Marlene White, Executive Director of Decatur Cooperative Ministries**. For more information about DCM’s work in moving individuals out of homelessness and into long-term housing stability, visit their website at www.decaturoperativeministry.org.

*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.*

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OFFERTORY

TOKYO

“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

Hymn note: The hymn is Japanese, written in 1958 with text by Tokuo Yamaguchi and music composed by Isao Koizumi. Postwar, post-nuclear holocaust Japan was its own kind of wilderness. Signs of destruction were still everywhere, both in the physical environment, but also in a generation of young men missing from communities and in those who suffered from the lingering emotional and physical effects of radiation. What is like to sing to God and to gather as a community of faith in a place like that?

We offer this hymn in memory of Walter and Clare Baldwin, departed saints of NDPC and long-serving mission co-workers with the people of Japan.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alfred Fedak

“Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”
Michael Morgan, organ

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We're happy and honored that you've joined us online today! We hope you will join us in person when we resume in-person worship later in 2020.

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:

Revs. David Lewicki and Beth Waltemath are co-pastors of North Decatur Presbyterian Church. Beth or David are available to meet with any person seeking pastoral care or conversation. To schedule an appointment, contact them directly by email or by phoning the church office. David Lewicki (david@ndpc.org); Beth Waltemath (beth@ndpc.org)

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