



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

October 4, 2020

18th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

WHY I GIVE TO NDPC

OPENING HYMN

"O Beauty Ever Ancient"
Michael Morgan, piano

ANCIENT BEAUTY

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops

CENTERING PRAYER

Believe me when I say
there is nothing
this blessing would not do
to protect you
to save you
to encompass you.
This blessing
would stand between you
and every danger,
every evil,
every harm
and hurt.

This blessing
would dare
to wade with you
into the waters that come
bearing life.
It would make
a way for you
through the waters that come
threatening death.
I cannot explain
how fierce
this blessing feels
about you
but I can tell you
it has more than pledged
itself to you;
it would lay down
its life for you
and not once
look back in regret
nor go in sorrow
for what it has chosen
to give.
And you—
so deeply blessed,
so utterly encompassed—
what will you save
in turn?
Not because
it is owed
but because
you cannot imagine
failing to pass along
this grace
that casts its circle
so wide,
this love
that flows
so deep
through this perilous
and precious life.

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Wanton Gospeller Press, 2016

In the silence release all that keeps you from opening to receive and share this blessing.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

This very moment, this blessing comes to us for our well-being.
Right now, this blessing—this love we call the Christ—binds us to one another as a beloved
communion for the healing of the world.
This day and in all the days to come, receive love's blessing and be at peace.
Alleluia, 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

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 20:1-17

Read by James, NDPC confirmand

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Freedom Through Relationship

Rev. Beth Waltemath

DEDICATION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Today’s messages are from **Elder Susan White**, with a stewardship season message, and **Gordon French**, representing NDPC’s Haiti Eco-Village School Partnership. For more information about the Eco-Village School, visit the website at www.haitiecovillageschool.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.*

Change for Change is for the **Haiti Eco-Village School**. Text **‘NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)’ to 73256** to give to give to Change for Change.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*As you eat the bread you are invited to say, “**The body of Christ.**” As you drink from the cup you are invited to say, “**The cup of salvation.**” If you choose not to take communion place your hands over your chest and receive the blessing of Christ upon your life.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION

“Up to the Mountain (MLK Song),” by Patti Griffin
Performed by Jerrell Melton

The lyrics to this song were inspired by Martin Luther King's "Mountaintop" speech, delivered the day before his assassination in April, 1968.

Jerrell Melton is a native of Fayetteville, Georgia. He is a graduate of Morehouse College, where he studied Piano Performance, accompanied the Morehouse College Glee Club, and served as the lead vocalist for the Morehouse College Jazz Band. Jerrell is currently enrolled in the master's program in Piano Performance at Georgia State University. He served as NDPC's sabbatical music director in 2018.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"
Michael Morgan, organ

Eric Thiman

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

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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)

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops is available to visit with senior adults at church or at your home. To schedule an appointment, contact her by phone in the church office or by email: maryanona@ndpc.org

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