



*North Decatur Presbyterian Church is called by God
to be a community of faith and worship.
We are 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 14th, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

*I Am a Pilgrim
Red Clay Halo*

Traditional
by Gillian Welch
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you are worshipping online, use the comment/chat section to introduce yourself.
Visitors are invited to sign in using the QR code on back of the bulletin.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

For the gift of faith
which looks beyond the present moment
and sees in the light of eternity,
we thank you, God.
For the gift of faith
small as a mustard seed, which has the power
to move even mountains,
we praise you, God.
For the gift of faith
bestowed on those who would simply come,
hearts open in humility,
we worship you, our faithful God.

GATHERING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 1-3)
Lyric change: 1st Verse "Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God of heaven . . ."

Glory to God #39

MEDITATION

Leaves drift from the cemetery oaks onto late grass,
Sun-singed, smelling like straw, the insides of old barns.
The stone angel's prayer is uninterrupted by the sleeping
Vagrant at her feet, the lone squirrel, furtive amid the litter.

Someone once said my great-grandmother, on the day she died,
rose from her bed where she had lain, paralyzed and mute
For two years following a stroke, and dressed herself—the good
Sunday dress of black crepe, cotton stockings, sensible, lace-up shoes.

I imagine her coiling her long white braid in the silent house,
Lying back down on top of the quilt and folding her hands,
Satisfied. I imagine her born-again daughters, brought up
In that tent-revival religion, called in from kitchens and fields
To stand dismayed by her bed like the sisters of Lazarus,
Waiting for her to breathe, to rise again and tell them what to do.

Here, no cross escapes the erosion of age, no voice breaks
The silence; the only certainty in the crow's flight
Or the sun's measured descent is the coming of winter.
Even the angel's outstretched arms offer only a formulated
Grace, her blind blessings as indiscriminate as acorns,
Falling on each of us, the departed and the leaving.

Faith, by Judy Loest
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SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE -Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven, loved and free! Amen.

* RESPONSE *We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight (vs. 1, 2, 4)* Glory to God #817

* PASSING THE PEACE

*Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.
If you are worshipping online, write greetings in the comment/chat section.*

PROCLAMATION

Children up to 1st grade may meet childcare staff in the narthex or sit with their family.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON *Faith* Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* by E. A. Hoffman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

DEDICATION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING Maggie Burgess, Team Libertad

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