



*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 28th, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *Sinfonia, BWV 156* J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you are worshiping 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 -based on Romans 8:26-27 (The Message)

We've gathered together in the presence of God
to offer our praise and our prayers.

**We come before God with confidence,
knowing that even when we can't find the words,
God's own Spirit is right here with us,
praying in us and for us,
giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings,
and pleading for us before the throne of grace.
So let's come with joy to offer our worship
to God who knows and loves us all.**

GATHERING SONG *Our Hope, Our Life* (verses 1, 3, 4) Glory to God #847

MEDITATION

"After a rain, mushrooms appear on the surface of the earth as if from nowhere. Many do so from a sometimes vast underground fungus that remains invisible and largely unknown. What we call mushrooms mycologists call the fruiting body of the larger, less visible fungus.

"Uprisings and revolutions are often considered to be spontaneous, but less visible long-term organizing and groundwork — or underground work — often laid the foundation. Changes in ideas and values also result from work done by writers, scholars, public intellectuals, social activists, and participants in social media. It seems insignificant or peripheral until very different outcomes emerge from transformed assumptions about who and what matters, who should be heard and believed, who has rights.

"Ideas at first considered outrageous or ridiculous or extreme gradually become what people think they've always believed. How the transformation happened is rarely remembered, in part because it's compromising: it recalls the mainstream when the mainstream was, say,

rabidly homophobic or racist in a way it no longer is; and it recalls that power comes from the shadows and the margins, that our hope is in the dark around the edges, not the limelight of center stage. Our hope and often our power.

“Change is rarely straightforward... Sometimes it’s as complex as chaos theory and as slow as evolution. Even things that seem to happen suddenly arise from deep roots in the past or from long-dormant seeds.”

-Rebecca Solnit, *Hope in the Dark*

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-by Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things pass:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
The one who has God
Lacks nothing;
God alone is enough.

* RESPONSE

Nada te turbe

Glory to God #820

* 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

Romans 8:18-25

SERMON

Hope

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

Imagine

by John Lennon
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Beth Waltemath

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

*Please make a generous gift today. All gifts made to Change for Change in the month of August will support Team Libertad. Team Libertad welcomes refugees and asylum-seekers with food, language resources, and a guiding hand as they navigate the world's busiest airport in their journey to be united with family and friends. Text **'NDPC C4C \$20 (or any amount)' to 73256** to give to give to Change for Change. Members who've made a 2022 pledge are encouraged to give through automatic payment arranged through their bank or to send a check by mail.*

To make a **new pledge for 2022**, go to the [giving page](#) on ndpc.org.

* CLOSING SONG

Come! Live in the Light!

Glory to God #749

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Lauda anima"

Robert Lind

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

In the narthex, take a moment today to admire the banner featuring the watercolor artistry of NDPC's own Woody Hickcox, featuring an amazing array of wondrous winged creatures.

Flowers today are provided by the worship committee.

Music & Lyrics are printed/streamed under ONE LICENSE #A-719269 and CCLI #21115205 & 21115212

Livestream and video are produced by volunteers Jason Schoenberg and Rick Meinersmann. If you would like to help with our weekly audio and video production, come on up to the balcony and say hello.

WELCOME VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us! Please introduce yourself to those around you as you are comfortable. You may share your email address with us by using the QR code on this bulletin—we will send you our weekly e-newsletter. You can learn more about NDPC's ministries and social justice work at www.ndpc.org. We come from different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship. Please use language and pronouns for God and for yourself that are authentic to you. After worship, the pastors would love to meet you.



Welcome, Visitors!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Magnifying glasses and large print hymnals are available in the lobby. **Hearing assist devices** are also available. Ask an usher and they will gladly help.

If you would like to donate flowers, volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, or share comments about worship, email worship@ndpc.org.

Videos of worship services are available at ndpc.org. Subscribe to our **sermon podcast** through any major podcasting service.

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For urgent needs, call the co-pastors' emergency cell phone: 404-981-NDPC (6372).

Revs. Beth Waltemath and David Lewicki are available to meet for pastoral care or spiritual conversation. Beth's office days are M and Tu; David's office days are W and Th. Phone/video appointments are available. Email beth@ndpc.org or david@ndpc.org.

Rev. Mary Anona Stoops is available to meet by appointment. Email maryanona@ndpc.org.

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