



*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

September 11th, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

Terra Beata

Traditional English Melody,
arr. Joel Raney; © 2003 Hope Publishing Co.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the welcome pad or by using the QR code on back of the bulletin.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

-after Psalm 30, by Thom Shuman
Mary Todaro, liturgist

At night,
when our cries for help echo off our walls,
you, O God, hear us;
**you turn our tears into rivers of joy,
Listener of our hearts.**
Each day,
as our fears push us closer to the edge of loneliness;
**you tug us back into the safety of your grace,
Servant of the suffering.**
Every time we stumble over our efforts to be perfect;
**you pull us to our feet to learn new dance steps of hope,
Peace of our souls.**

* GATHERING SONG

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Glory to God #833

MEDITATION

Try to praise the mutilated world.
Remember June's long days,
and wild strawberries, drops of rosé wine.
The nettles that methodically overgrow
the abandoned homesteads of exiles.
You must praise the mutilated world.
You watched the stylish yachts and ships;
one of them had a long trip ahead of it,
while salty oblivion awaited others.

You've seen the refugees going nowhere,
you've heard the executioners sing joyfully.
You should praise the mutilated world.
Remember the moments when we were together
in a white room and the curtain fluttered.
Return in thought to the concert where music flared.
You gathered acorns in the park in autumn
and leaves eddied over the earth's scars.
Praise the mutilated world
and the gray feather a thrush lost,
and the gentle light that strays and vanishes
and returns.

Adam Zagajewski, "Try to Praise the Mutilated World"
from *Without End: New and Selected Poems*. Copyright © 2002 by Adam Zagajewski.

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-Romans 8:35-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
**nor things present,
nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

* RESPONSE

Love the Lord Your God

Glory to God #62

* PASSING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAMATION

Children through 1st grade are invited to come to the baptismal font and sit on a rug or pillow.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Cor. 13:1-12

A WORD FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Erin Reed Cooper

SERMON

Loved Into Being

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart

by Moses Hogan
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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 September will support the Co-Pastors' Discretionary Fund which is used to meet the emergency financial needs of our members and neighbors. 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Glory to God #366

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Joseph M. Martin
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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 Carol Morgan.

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Livestream and video are produced by NDPC volunteers. If you would like to help with our weekly audio and video production, come up to the balcony and introduce yourself to the team.

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.

CONTACT NDPC: Office Phone: 404-636-1429; Office Email: office@ndpc.org

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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