



*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

October 2nd, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *O God, Show Mercy to Us* by Gustav Holst

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

Rick Neale, liturgist

Lord, we human beings are made in your image.

When we sit at the family table eating our daily bread—

whether it be naan or rice, or pita or noodles or matzos
or tortillas, or puri, or white bread or brown—

**we belong to one family,
united by similar needs.**

Teach us today the kind of table manners
**that spread kindness, increase love, and nourish the bodies
of our whole family, which is also Yours.**

* GATHERING SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Glory to God #14

MEDITATION

The bud
stands for all things,
even for those things that don't flower,
for everything flowers, from within, of self-blessing;
though sometimes it is necessary
to reteach a thing its loveliness,
to put a hand on its brow
of the flower
and retell it in words and in touch
it is lovely
until it flowers again from within, of self-blessing;
as Saint Francis
put his hand on the creased forehead
of the sow, and told her in words and in touch
blessings of earth on the sow, and the sow

began remembering all down her thick length,
from the earthen snout all the way
through the fodder and slops to the spiritual curl of the tail,
from the hard spininess spiked out from the spine
down through the great broken heart
to the sheer blue milken dreaminess spurting and shuddering
from the fourteen teats into the fourteen mouths sucking and blowing beneath them:
the long, perfect loveliness of sow.

-Galway Kinnell, "Saint Francis and the Sow" from *Three Books*.
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SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

-2 Cor. 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.
**And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord
as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another.**

* RESPONSE

Glory to God

Glory to God #582

* PASSING THE PEACE

Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language.

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

Acts 17:16-34

WORD IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Erin Reed Cooper

SERMON

Live and Move and Have Our Being

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

O Praise, The Lord
Emily Halbert, conductor

by Adam Gumpelzhaimer

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

*Please make a generous gift today. All gifts made to Change for Change in the month of October will support the Haiti EcoVillage School Partnership. 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 **pledge for the remainder of 2022**, go to the "Give" page on ndpc.org.

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with You

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS

(sung responses)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest (x3).

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (x3).

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest (x3).

Amen, amen, amen.

Hosanna in the highest (x3).

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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Everyone who seeks to know God is welcome to receive Communion. Come to the front, then remove your mask. Take a piece of Bread (gluten-free), dip it into the Cup (grape juice), then eat. Put on your mask and return to your seat via the side aisles. If you cannot come forward for any reason, notify an usher and we will gladly serve you in your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Quanta Qualia

Paris Antiphoner

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our neighbor and of us, you met us here today and have given yourself to us in this bread and cup. Live in us, and shape us to be neighbors to everyone we meet, that we might embody your mercy and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Glory to God #32

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Our colorful liturgical calendar art installation in the narthex reminds us that we are still in the church season known as Ordinary Time. The new banner at its center is backgrounded with the many activities that are a part of our ordinary lives - this text was contributed by many of you. The banner's foreground holds our unifying activity as a worshipping community.

Art of the Day: *Be*, by Corita Kent (1967); screenprint; UCLA Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts, Hammer Museum.

Flowers today are given by Dee Raeside.

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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:

Children are always welcome at NDPC. We offer a nursery for babies and Extended Session for Preschool - 1st grade during the 11:00 service. For Extended Session, please walk your child down the education hallway before worship, or meet a volunteer in the narthex after the Children's Word in Worship.

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

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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