



*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 23rd, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE

We Gather Together Dutch Folk Song, arr. Mark Hayes
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VIDEO UPDATE FROM HAITI ECO-VILLAGE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

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

Tim Merritt, liturgist
-by Bruce Prewer

We are gathered here *not* because we have seen fit to choose Christ,
but because Christ has looked upon us, called our names, and said, "come follow."

O God, you have searched me and known me,
you read my every thought from afar,
There is not a word on my tongue
that you do not know altogether.

The joy of those who hear the call of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

* GATHERING SONG

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Glory to God #305

MEDITATION

-a prayer from the St. Hilda community

be silent
be still
alone empty
before your god
say nothing
ask nothing
be silent
be still
let your god
look upon you
that is all

she knows
she understands
she loves you with
an enormous love
she only wants to
look upon you
with her love
quiet
still
be

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 are invited to come to the baptismal font and sit on a rug or pillow.

ACOLYTES RECEIVE THEIR LIGHT

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead
find the room for hope to enter
find the frame where we are freed
Clear the chaos and the clutter
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter
be at peace, and simply be.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139

trans. by Stephen Mitchell

SERMON

You Are There

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

Awake, My Heart

arr. Jane M. Marshall
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DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Victoria Robinson

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.

NDPC GRATITUDE CAMPAIGN 2023

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.

* CLOSING SONG

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Glory to God #828

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Nimrod" from Enigma Variations

by Sir Edward Elgar

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.

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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.

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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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