



*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 30th, 2022

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

11:00AM

** We stand in body or spirit*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

PRELUDE *Introit: God Himself Is with Us* by Hal H. Hopson
NDPC Handbell Choir

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 Marie Hodgman-Schoeneberg, liturgist

Look around, everyone!

**This is God's house,
and God is here among us!**

So get ready!

Open your eyes!

God wants to meet us here.

* GATHERING SONG *How Great Thou Art* (vs. 1,2,4) Glory to God #625

MEDITATION -by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

This prayer is a ladder stretching from earth to heaven. On this ladder of words, thoughts, and emotions, we gradually leave earth's gravitational field. We move from the world around us, perceived by the senses, to an awareness of that which lies beyond the world – the earth's Creator.

SILENCE

At the end of this ascent, we stand directly in the conscious presence of God. This is what Maimonides calls *kavannah*, the intention of the heart that is essential to prayer.

SILENCE

We then slowly make our way back to earth again – to our mundane concerns, the arena of actions and interactions within which we live. But if prayer has worked, we are not the same afterward as we were before. For we have seen, as Jacob saw, that "Surely God is in this place."

SILENCE

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The first stage is the climb, the second is standing in heaven, and the third is bringing a fragment of heaven down to earth. Jacob realized when he woke from his vision that God is in *this* place. Heaven is not somewhere else, but here. And we can become angels, God's own emissaries, if, like Jacob, we have the ability to pray and the strength to dream.

* 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Over My Head
NDPC Children's Choir

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Cheryl Lavender
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SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-17

Children return to their seats; 1st grade and younger may go to Extended Session.

SERMON

Jacob's Ladder

Rev. David Lewicki

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
NDPC Handbell Choir

by Hal H. Hopson

DEDICATION

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.

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

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

by John Zundel

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.

Image of the Day: Howard Finster. Jacob's Ladder, #2,281. 1982. Signed, dated, numbered and titled. Enamel and glitter on board

Sky Ladder rising. Photo: Lin Yi & Wen-You Cai, courtesy Cai Studio.

Flowers are given by Sherrill Terry.

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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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