



North Decatur Presbyterian Church is called by God to be a community of faith and worship, 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
ORDINARY TIME

October 11th, 2026
11:00 AM

*An * means we rise together in body or spirit; **bold text** words are spoken in unison.*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

* GATHERING MUSIC *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* Glory to God #291

* CHIMES

* CALL TO WORSHIP Theo Watson, liturgist

God of wonder and glory, the world around us is awesome.
You created it!

**God, you hold it all together,
even when we try to tear it apart.**

God of grace and mercy,
the love you have for us is more than we can ever imagine.

**Your arms are open wide,
like a parent waiting for the prodigal child to come home.**

Guide us to streams of wonder and glory,
to your ways of justice and peace,
**that we may drink and be satisfied,
and be renewed for our journey together.**

* OPENING SONG *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Glory to God #451

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Rick Neale

Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad.

MEDITATION

Video Meditation: *A Wonderful World*

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Creator God, we praise you
for calling the universe into being;
and for your spirit
which breathes life into your human creation,
each and every one of us, made in your image.
We praise you that in your love
you embrace us in our brokenness;
and that in the Risen Christ,
we become your new creation.

* GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Glory to God #406

* PASSING THE PEACE

Share a sign of peace by learning "Peace be with you" in American Sign Language; or, if you choose, shake hands or offer a warm embrace to the Beloveds of God who are seated near you.

Children 4 yrs. through 1st grade are invited to leave now with leaders for our child-centered reflection time. Children may also remain with their family; they may use our worship bags located in the Narthex or go out at any time to visit the Children's Corner in the narthex to find a quiet activity.

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-8; 13-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

SERMON

A Heart with God: Awe

Rev. Ben Allward-Theimer

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Hold On
NDPC Community Choir

Jester Hairston

Keep your hand on the plow, Hold On, Hold On.

Nora, Nora, let me come in,
The door's all fastened and the windows pinned,
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold On, Hold On.

Nora said you done lost your track,
You can't plow straight and keep a-lookin' back,
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold On, Hold On.

If you wanna get to heaven let me tell you how,
Just keep your hand on the gospel plow.
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold On, Hold On.

If that plow stays in your hand,
Land you straight in the promised land.

Keep your hand on the plow, Hold On, Hold On.

Oh, Brother, Hold On! Oh, Sister, Hold On!
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold On, Hold On.

Mary had a golden chain,
Every link spelled my Jesus' name.
Keep your hand on the plow, Hold On, Hold On.

Keep on climbin' and don't you tire.
Every rung goes higher and higher,
Keep your hand on the plow,
Hold On, Hold On.

Keep your hand on the gospel plow and Hold On!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

2026 GRATITUDE CAMPAIGN: *HELP, THANKS, WOW!*

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

The Change-for-Change offering in October supports the EcoVillage School. In Haiti, where life is defined by uncertainty and hardship, the school stands as a lifeline of hope. While much of the country struggles with violence, hunger, and the absence of governance, the school provides a sanctuary of safety, learning, and community. Learn more: <https://www.haitiecovillageschool.org>

To give by text, text 'NDPC C4C' \$20 (or any amount) to 73256. You may also **use the QR Code**. Scan the code, enter the amount of your gift, and in the dropdown menu called "Fund," find "Change for Change." **To give cash**, leave an offering in the plate on your way out today. Thank you for supporting the healing of the world in the name of God.



* CLOSING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Glory to God #1

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. Theodulph

Melchior Teschner

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Today's Image in Worship: *Moses and the Burning Bush*, by Frank Wesley (1923-2002).

Today's flowers are given by Rusty and Sherri Godwin.

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WELCOME, VISITORS

We're happy you've joined us! It takes courage to show up at a new church. Introduce yourself to those around you as you feel comfortable. If you share your email address in the red Welcome Pad, we will send you the weekly NDPC e-newsletter. Learn more about NDPC at **www.ndpc.org**. We come from different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship, so please use language and pronouns for God and for yourself that are authentic to you. After worship, the pastors would love to meet you in person. Curious about becoming a member of NDPC? Send an email to engagement@ndpc.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Children are welcome in worship at NDPC. The nursery, located off the hallway just outside the sanctuary, is open for ages 0-3. Kids PreK-2nd grade are welcome to go to the kids' gathering after the passing of the peace or remain with their families in worship. The presence of children here is a gift, never a disruption. Questions about kids and families at NDPC? Email kristin@ndpc.org.

Would a large print hymnal, magnifying glass, or hearing assist device help you worship? Ask an usher and they will gladly assist you. Let us know how we can make worship accessible for you.

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

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

Revs. David Lewicki and Mary Anona Stoops are available to meet for pastoral care. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. Email david@ndpc.org or maryanona@ndpc.org.

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