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TO DECATUR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 16, 2019 • 11:00AM

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# GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *Til the Storm Passes By* | M. Lister Neil Thompson

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**INTROIT** Youth Choir  
*True Light* | K. Hampton | Leigh Shofner, soprano

*God is like a rock, changeless day to day; something that will last, never go away; evermore the same, our foundation sure, always to endure. God is like the wind, something no one sees, mighty as the gale, gentle as the breeze; with a hidden pow'r no one can deny as the days go by. God is like a friend, full of loving care; someone you can trust who's always there. One who will forgive, ev'ry day anew, all you whole life through. God is like a light, shining in the night, filling all the world with its comfort bright; bringing with it joy, hope for ev'ry heart, never to depart.*

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**PEOPLE** **What have we to fear?**

**LEADER** In the darkness, God is with us.

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**LEADER** Rise up, people of God, for you are loved.

**PEOPLE** **Thanks be to the God of love!**

**\*HYMN NO. 68** *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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**LEADER:** The Word of God for the people of God.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** Youth Choir

*Kyrie Eleison* | E. Unruh  
Katie Cutts, soprano; Virginia Hudspeth, alto

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* | K. Medema  
Jonah Stadler, baritone

*Stand by Me, Lord* | arr. R. Butterfield-Winter  
Emma Anberg, alto

*When the storms of life are raging, stand by me. When the storms of life are tossing me like a boat out on the sea, Lord who rules the wind and the water, Lord, stand by me. When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. When I've done all I can, and my friends don't understand, stand by me. When the storms of life are tossing me, stand by me, and my friends don't understand, stand by me.*

*Lonely the Boat* | arr. W. Rose

*Lonely the boat, sailing at sea, tossed on a cold, stormy night. Cruel the sea, which seemed so wide, with waves so high. This single ship sailed the deep sea, straight into the gale; O Lord, great is the peril. Dangers do all assail. Trembling with fear, deep in despair, looking for help all around, the sailor saw light from above. "Help can be found; my God is here in my small boat, standing by my side; Oh, I trust in the Savior, now in my life abide." Storms in our lives, cruel and cold, surely will arise again, threatening lives, threatening us on life's wild sea. Powerful and great, God's hand is there, firmly in control. O Lord, calm peace comes from you. Peace come to my lone soul.*

*Total Praise* | R. Smallwood

*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.*

*The Storm Is Passing Over* | arr. B. Baker

*Have courage my soul and let us journey on. Though the night is dark, and I am far from home. Thanks be to God the morning light appears. The storm is passing over. The storm is passing over, Hallelu!*

*He'll Make a Way* | B. Smith  
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*I know the Lord will make a way. If you trust and never doubt, He will bring you out! I know the Lord will make a way. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a soul like me. His mercy's everlasting, His truth endures, and He sent His son to set me free! He's there, and He cares for me. He cares, and He'll set you free. Trust and never doubt, He will bring you out! I know the Lord will make a way.*

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**Generous God, our spirits are willing and generous, but our flesh is weak and afraid. Help us see past our anxiety to your promise and plenty. Give us strength and courage to sew your love with our tithes and offerings, and use them to bring peace and justice in a needy world. Amen.**

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*Unclouded Day* | D. Marsh

**\*DOXOLOGY NO. 95** *Old 100th Alt*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

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**CONFESSION & PARDON** Rev. Dalton Rushing

**Holy God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet we often fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own faith. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our faith.**

**LEADER** Hear the Good News. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**PEOPLE In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**ALL Glory to God. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

*The pastor continues ...*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company in heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues ...*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus

Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

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*Communion is open to everyone, no exceptions.*

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**SERVERS:** Rev. Dalton Rushing, Rev. Joya Abrams

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**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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If you have trouble finding a spot in our parking lot, you can park at the Wells Fargo Deck right across the street while you are worshiping at Decatur First. Just save your parking stub and ask for a parking voucher from a greeter or usher.

## NOTES