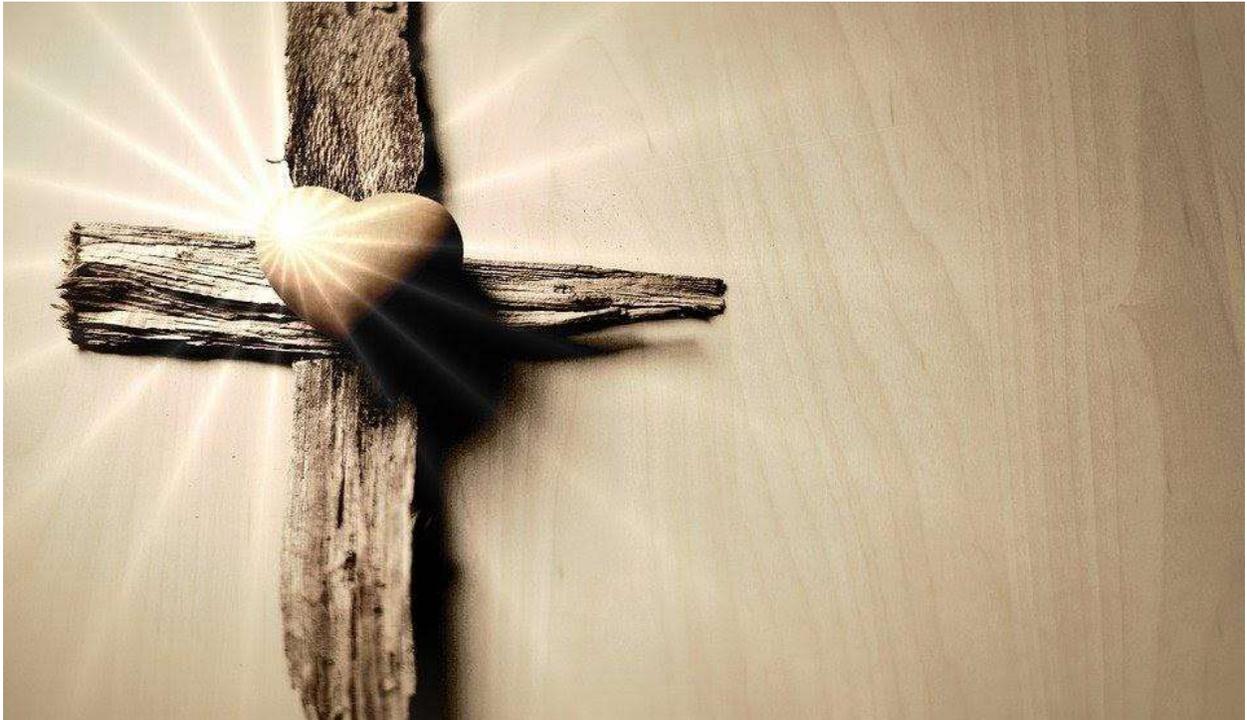


# **Durham Mennonite Church**

January 1, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship, In-person and On Zoom

**Worship leader: Marcia Nice    Preaching: Spencer Bradford**



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship (from Psalm 98)

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

**God's right hand and holy arm  
have won the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory;

**God has revealed his vindication  
in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered his steadfast  
love and faithfulness to the house of  
Jacob.

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,  
all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song  
and sing praises.

**Sing praises to the Lord with the  
lyre,  
with the lyre  
and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the  
horn make a joyful noise before the  
King, the Lord.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.**  
Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord,  
**He will judge the world  
with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

## **Blue Hymnal #639, *Great God, We Sing***

*Great God, We Sing:* <https://youtu.be/NRNIWzSb94E>

## **Blue Hymnal #650, *Father, We Praise Thee***

*Father, We Praise Thee:* <https://youtu.be/g6l-nDUSHac>

## **Blue Hymnal #641, *O Day of Rest and Gladness***

*O Day of Rest and Gladness:* <https://youtu.be/Z59VPrmTVY4>

## **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace**

The Lord says, “You did not call upon me, O Jacob, but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not made offerings or honored me, though I have not burdened you with demands. But you have burdened me with your sins, and you have wearied me with your iniquities.”

**You, O Lord, are the giver of every good thing, but we have not lived with grateful and generous hearts. We have distrusted your care, withdrawn from our neighbors, and let old resentments**

**and fears corrode our souls. At the turning of the year this day, we turn anew to you. Blot out our offenses and wash us from all our iniquities, in your mercy. Heavenly Father, restore us to your new creation, and the joy of your salvation. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a newly faithful spirit within us.**

The Lord says, “I am the one who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

## **Blue Hymnal #214, *Morning Star***

In the Bulb There is a Flower: <https://youtu.be/XtDntrsKbZw>

# Scriptures

## Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

## **Galatians 4:3-7**

In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## **Luke 2:15-21**

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and

the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

### **Matthew 13:51-52**

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

# **Music Video - The Baylor Project**

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## **Sermon – Spencer Bradford**

## **Reflections and Sharing**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer - #731 Blue Hymnal**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The gifts of God for the people of God. We  
come in grateful celebration of Jesus'  
cross and resurrection, giving from our  
receiving, inviting as we have been  
invited, serving as we are served,  
renewing our bond to the narrow way of

Jesus. There is room at his table for all who follow Jesus in God's covenant of grace and obedience.

**The Lord is God, compassionate and gracious, overflowing in loving mercy and steadfast kindness. Blessed be God, now and forever!**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hills are now united on this table in bread and drink, so Lord, may we be made a true community of your Spirit as your Body on earth, and may your whole people soon

be gathered together from across the earth in your Kingdom of holy peace.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

**To you be glory forever!**

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 to the Lord,**

**because he is good; his love is eternal.**

Truly, it is right and good, our greatest joy, always and everywhere to give you

thanks and praise, O Holy God, Father Almighty, creator of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You called us to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful and turned away from you, you did not turn from us, but remained steadfast in love. You delivered us from captivity into freedom, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. In him, your Word, dwelling with you from all eternity, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth,

and we beheld your glory, Emmanuel! At his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth, so we praise you and join their unending hymn with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Glory to God in the highest!**

**Blessed are you, Holy and Mighty!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule in your truth. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought

the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him. In the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

**Blessed are you, Creator Spirit,  
who makes all things new!**

Come, Spirit of Christ, and fulfill the promise of your kingdom among us. For on the night that he was betrayed, during supper, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke the bread and gave it

to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So with praise and thanksgiving, we offer to you all these gifts and our very selves, received from your grace, to be a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's self-giving for us and for the whole world:

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship and thank you, O Lord our God.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this communion, on us gathered here and on these gifts, that the sharing of this bread and cup may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify and fill us with your true presence, that in all our lives we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As we share your presence anew at this table of

your giving, let us share your presence with the world in the giving of our lives and selves in your service for all people. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one in fellowship with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast together as your children around your heavenly table with all your saints in your glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

**Sharing of Bread and Cup at the Lord's Table**

**Blue Hymnal #327 –**

***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liQz  
zc41z5Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liQz<br/>zc41z5Q)**

### **Benediction**

Now in the name of Jesus, the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, may you all be filled with the sweetness of peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.