

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

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## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

God, you knew us before we were born.  
You love us into life.

Open our hearts and our spirits today  
to hear your word for us.

And, upon hearing the word,  
may we be convinced of our call to ministry  
and mission through the church.

Bless us with your presence  
and your powerful love,  
for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Almighty God,**

**to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known.**

**and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Hymn, VT#126 - Holy God, We Praise**

**1 Holy God, we praise thy name.**

**God of all, we bow before thee.**

**All on earth your scepter claim;**

**all in heav'n above adore thee.**

**Infinite thy vast domain,**

**everlasting is thy reign.**

**2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn,  
angel choirs above are raising.  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**3 Lo! the apostolic train  
join thy sacred name to hallow.  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the blessed martyrs follow,  
and, from morn till set of sun,  
through the church the song goes on.**

**4 Holy Author, Holy Word,  
Holy Spirit, three we name thee;  
still, one holy voice is heard:**

**undivided God, we claim thee,  
and adoring bend the knee,  
while we own the mystery.**

**Hymn, VT#273 - Arise, Your Light is  
Come**

**Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God,  
Which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captives' liberty,  
Good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,**

**Build up the broken-hearted ones  
And comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.**

### **Confession of Sin Prayer**

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,**

**and my sin is ever before me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and steadfast spirit  
within me.**

**Do not cast me away from your  
presence,**

**and do not take your holy spirit from  
me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace**

**God pardons those who humbly  
repent and truly believe the gospel.  
Since Jesus died for us,**

**we have peace with God, to whom  
be praise and honour for ever. Amen**

**Hymn - *Love the Lord Your God***

**Love the Lord, your God, with all your  
heart**

**With all your soul, with all your mind**

**And with all your strength**

**Love the Lord, your God, with all your  
heart**

**With all your soul, with all your mind**

**And with all your strength**

**With all your heart, with all your soul**

**With all your mind, with all your  
strength**

**Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart**

**With all your soul, with all your mind  
And with all your strength**

**I will serve the Lord with all my heart  
With all my soul, with all my mind  
And with all my strength**

**I will serve the Lord with all my heart  
With all my soul, with all my mind  
And with all my strength**

**With all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, with all my strength  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart  
With all my soul, with all my mind  
And with all my strength**

**I will love You, Lord, with all my heart  
With all my soul, with all my mind,  
and with all my strength**

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With all my soul, with all my mind,  
and with all my strength**

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With all my soul, with all my mind  
And with all my strength**

## **Scriptures**

### ***Deuteronomy 30:1-10***

When all these things have happened to you, the blessings and the curses that I have set before you, if you call them to mind among all the nations where the

Lord your God has driven you, <sup>2</sup>and return to the Lord your God, and you and your children obey him with all your heart and with all your soul, just as I am commanding you today, <sup>3</sup>then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, gathering you again from all the peoples among whom the Lord your God has scattered you.

<sup>4</sup>Even if you are exiled to the ends of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will bring you back. <sup>5</sup>The Lord your God will bring you into the land that your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.

<sup>6</sup> Moreover, the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul, in order that you may live. <sup>7</sup>The Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on the adversaries who took advantage of you. <sup>8</sup>Then you shall again obey the Lord, observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, <sup>9</sup>and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

## ***Psalm 73***

- <sup>1</sup> Truly God is good to the upright,  
to those who are pure in heart.
- <sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost  
stumbled;  
my steps had nearly slipped.
- <sup>3</sup> For I was envious of the arrogant;  
I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
  
- <sup>4</sup> For they have no pain;  
their bodies are sound and sleek.
- <sup>5</sup> They are not in trouble as others are;  
they are not plagued like other people.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore pride is their necklace;  
violence covers them like a garment.
- <sup>7</sup> Their eyes swell out with fatness;  
their hearts overflow with follies.
- <sup>8</sup> They scoff and speak with malice;  
loftily they threaten oppression.
- <sup>9</sup> They set their mouths against heaven,  
and their tongues range over the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore the people turn and praise them,

and find no fault in them.

<sup>11</sup> And they say, 'How can God know?  
Is there knowledge in the Most High?'

<sup>12</sup> Such are the wicked;  
always at ease, they increase in riches.

<sup>13</sup> All in vain I have kept my heart clean  
and washed my hands in innocence.

<sup>14</sup> For all day long I have been plagued,  
and am punished every morning.

<sup>15</sup> If I had said, 'I will talk on in this way',  
I would have been untrue  
to the circle of your children.

<sup>16</sup> But when I thought how to understand  
this,

it seemed to me a wearisome task,

<sup>17</sup> until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
then I perceived their end.

<sup>18</sup> Truly you set them in slippery places;

you make them fall to ruin.

<sup>19</sup> How they are destroyed in a moment,  
swept away utterly by terrors!

<sup>20</sup> They are like a dream when one  
awakes;  
on awaking you despise their phantoms.

<sup>21</sup> When my soul was embittered,  
when I was pricked in heart,

<sup>22</sup> I was stupid and ignorant;  
I was like a brute beast towards you.

<sup>23</sup> Nevertheless I am continually with you;  
you hold my right hand.

<sup>24</sup> You guide me with your counsel, and  
afterwards you will receive me with honor.

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I  
desire other than you.

<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion for ever.

<sup>27</sup> Indeed, those who are far from you  
will perish;  
you put an end to those  
who are false to you.

<sup>28</sup> But for me it is good to be near God;  
I have made the Lord God my refuge,  
to tell of all your works.

### ***Matthew 22:34-40***

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ <sup>37</sup>He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment.

<sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20) Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 1 Corinthians 6:12–20 John 1:43–51

## **Sermon, “With All your Heart & All Your Soul”**

**Jonathan Robie**

## **Congregational Response**

## **Sharing Praises and Prayer Concerns**

## **Prayers of God’s People**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **Hymn - VT#813, "Heart with Loving Heart"**

**1 Heart with loving heart united,  
met to know God's holy will.**

**Let this love in us ignited  
more and more our spirits fill.  
He the Head, we are his members;  
we reflect the light he is.  
He the Master, we disciples,  
he is ours and we are his.**

**2 May we all so love each other  
and all selfish claims deny,  
so that each one for the other  
will not hesitate to die.**

**Even so our Lord has loved us;  
for our lives he gave his life.  
Still he grieves and still he suffers,  
for our selfishness and strife.**

**3 Since, O Lord, you have demanded  
that our lives your love should show**

**so we wait to be commanded  
forth into your world to go.  
Kindle is us love's compassion  
so that ev'ryone may see  
in our faith and hope the promise  
of a new humanity.**

### **SENDING**

**Go into God's world,  
aware of God's call in your life.  
Follow our Lord Jesus Christ  
who will lead you in paths  
of service and hope.  
Lean on the power of the Holy Spirit  
to give you courage and strength.  
May peace, joy and love flow through  
you to others, in God's name. AMEN.**