

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

God, you are ever faithful.

Your love never ends.

**Teach us your ways, and guide us
through the wilderness of our lives
in your paths of love and forgiveness,
that we may witness to your grace
and salvation to those who are still searching.
Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25)

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

We wait for you.

Lead us in your paths of truth.

Do not remember our failures.

Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

You are faithful, O God.

Your love is steadfast.

We lift up our souls to you,

and praise you always!

Hymn - HWB #496

O, Let All Who Thirst, Let Them Come

O let all who thirst

Let them come to the water

And let all who have nothing

Let them come to the Lord:

Without money, without price

Why should you pay the price

Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek

Let them come to the water

And let all who have nothing

Let them come to the Lord:

Without money, without strife

Why should you spend your life

Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil

Let them come to the water

And let all who are weary

**Let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?**

**And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden
Bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord**

Hymn - Unto Thee, O Lord. (Psalm 25)

Unto thee, o Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Unto thee, o Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I rest in thee.

Let me not be ashamed

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Renew in me, the joy of the Lord ...

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O my God, I rest in thee.

Let me not be ashamed

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Remember not, the sins of my youth

Remember not, the sins of my youth

O my God, I rest in thee.

Let me not be ashamed

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

O let none that wait,

On thee be ashamed ...

O let none that wait,

On thee be ashamed ...

O my God, I rest in thee.

Let me not be ashamed

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Hymn - VT #147 Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison.*

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

****(Lord, have mercy.)***

Confession of Sin & Assurance

**Precious Lord,
who always watches over us,
be with us through all of these days.**

Lord, have mercy.

**We confess that at times we have allowed
a host of worries and frustrations
to crowd out your word
and the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives.**

Lord, have mercy.

As you give us peace and your transforming love, also forgive all those times when we have been less than faithful disciples.

Lord, have mercy.

Gently visit us again with your healing powers. Restore our hope and courage and joy that we may be ready for all the times ahead. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Assurance

**God is merciful and full of steadfast love.
God will not forget us.
God will wash us clean,
and lead us on paths
of steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

Hymn - VT #638 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Scripture - Genesis 3:14-19 (NRSV)

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock

and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly

and you will eat dust

all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity

between you and the woman,

**and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”**

¹⁶To the woman he said,

**“I will make your pains in childbearing very
severe;**

**with painful labor you will give birth to
children.**

**Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”**

14 The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,

cursed are you among all animals

and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the

woman,

and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head,

and you will strike his heel.”

16 To the woman he said,

“I will greatly increase your pangs in

childbearing;

in pain you shall bring forth children,

yet your desire shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you.”

17 And to the man he said,

**“Because you have listened to the voice of
your wife, and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.**

19 By the sweat of your face

you shall eat bread

**until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**

Scripture - Luke 4:1-13

The Testing of Jesus

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone

to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

9 Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written,

**‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’**

11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” 13

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Scripture - Luke 22:24-34

The Dispute about Greatness

24 A dispute also arose among them as to

which one of them was to be regarded as the

greatest. 25 But he said to them, **“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26**

But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

28 “You are those who have stood by me in my trials; 29 and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial

31 “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, 32 but I have

prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” ³³ And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” ³⁴ Jesus said, **“I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”**

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon – 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 #664 Be Still My Soul

**1 Be still, my soul! for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:
leave to your God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2 Be still, my soul! for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed their fury long ago.**

**3 Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are
gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

SENDING - VT #1065

Whatever wilderness the Spirit

has brought to you:

Walk in boldness,

as a beloved child of God;

Walk in peace,

under the shelter of the most high;

Walk in faith,

Knowing Christ walks with you. Amen