

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we open our eyes,
we see your glory, O God.

**Sun, moon, and stars
proclaim your magnificence.**

When we open our ears,
we hear your word, O God.

The voice of creation

reaches the ends of the earth.

When we open our hearts,
we receive your truth, O God.

You fill us with joy and light forever.

When we open ourselves,
we praise your holy name.

Praise God's holy name!

Song: The Law of the Lord is Perfect

1 The law of the Lord is perfect,
Converting the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure,
Making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold.
Yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey
And the honeycomb.

2 The statutes of the Lord are right,
Rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the Lord is pure,
Enlightening the eyes.

More to be desired are they than gold.
Yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey
And the honeycomb.

3 The fear of the Lord is clean,
Enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true
And righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold.
Yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey
And the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is Thy servant warned:
Is Thy servant warned:
And in keeping of them
There is great reward.

Song: Indescribable - Laura Story

From the highest of heights to the depths of
the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing, God

All powerful, untameable
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it
should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with
snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its
light?
Yet, conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

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You are amazing, God

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing, God

Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing, God
You are amazing, God

You are amazing, God

Confession of Sin & Assurance

With hearts of sorrow,
we come before you, O God,
to confess what you already know—
we have failed to keep your laws.

Again and again, we have followed our own
selfish will, rather than your holy and life-
giving will for our lives.

We have twisted your decrees and
institutions to suit our preconceptions and
interests rather than your own.

**Forgive us, O God,
and cleanse us from hidden faults,
that the words of our mouths,
and the meditations of all our hearts,
may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer.**

Assurance of Grace

God shows steadfast love
and blesses to the thousandth generation
those who walk in God's ways.

In love, God sent Jesus
to bless and redeem God's people.

God forgives us our sins
and restores us to new life.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy. Amen.

Song: Psalm 19 (May the Words of My Mouth)

Terry Butler

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to you, pleasing to you
May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to you, my God

You're my rock and my redeemer
You're the reason that I sing
I desire to be a blessing, In Your eyes
Every hour ever moment
Lord I want to be your servant
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes, In your eyes

Scriptures - Psalm 19

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his
wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the
insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Sermon – Laura Kelly

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.

Communion

Song: "Speak O Lord" - Keith and Kristyn Getty

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

SENDING

**Go forth with the Lord at your side,
seeking goodness and compassion.
Bring the words of hope and peace
to all whom you meet.
Go in peace. AMEN**