

Durham Mennonite Church

February 13, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship on Zoom

Preaching: Jonathan Larson Worship Leader: Marcia Nice



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

God of blessings and woes,

Bless us this day with lives filled with love, caring, generosity, and deep, abiding hope.

We pray that your kingdom will dwell among all people, and that we may be instruments of your love and your grace.

Open our hearts with the joy of healing a world filled with brokenness and pain.

In the name of the one who taught us the ways of light and love, be in our hearts and worship today. Amen.

Call to Worship

Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord.

**They are like trees planted by water,
sending out roots by the stream.**

They have no fear of summer's heat,
nor do they wither in the sun.

**In the year of drought they are not anxious,
for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.**

Come to the waters of life all you who trust in the Lord.

**We have come to worship and to send forth our roots
into streams of God's living water!**

Goodness of God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y81ylo1_3o8

Prayer of Yearning

Gentle guide, loving Lord, heal our foolish ways!
We long to forsake the advice of the wicked
and the temptations of sinful paths,
but our speech and actions often belie us.
We yearn to be like trees planted beside living waters,
bearing the fruit of righteousness in due season,
but the seat of scoffers calls to us
and the temptation to return evil for evil
withers our souls like shrubs in the desert.
Our hearts seek the ways of your Spirit
and the waters of life,
but our footsteps lead us into arid, desert sands.
This is not your hope and plan for us.

Forgive us.

**Turn us again to the healing you so freely offer,
and mend the brokenness in our lives
and in our world. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

God looks at us in our brokenness,
and offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord.
With the assurance of God's faithful love,
choose this day to be people of blessing.

Scripture - Psalm 1

Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take

or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Scripture – Luke 6:17-26

Blessings and Woes

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Sermon – Jonathan Larson

Reflection on the sermon

Sharing praises and prayer concerns

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.

Over my head I hear music in the air

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goMmcRDXeU0>

Benediction

Go from this place as those who are blessed.

We will live in God's love.

Go from this place as trees planted beside living waters.

We will drink of Christ's mercy.

Go from this place to bear the fruit of righteousness.

We will share the Spirit's strength with everyone we meet.