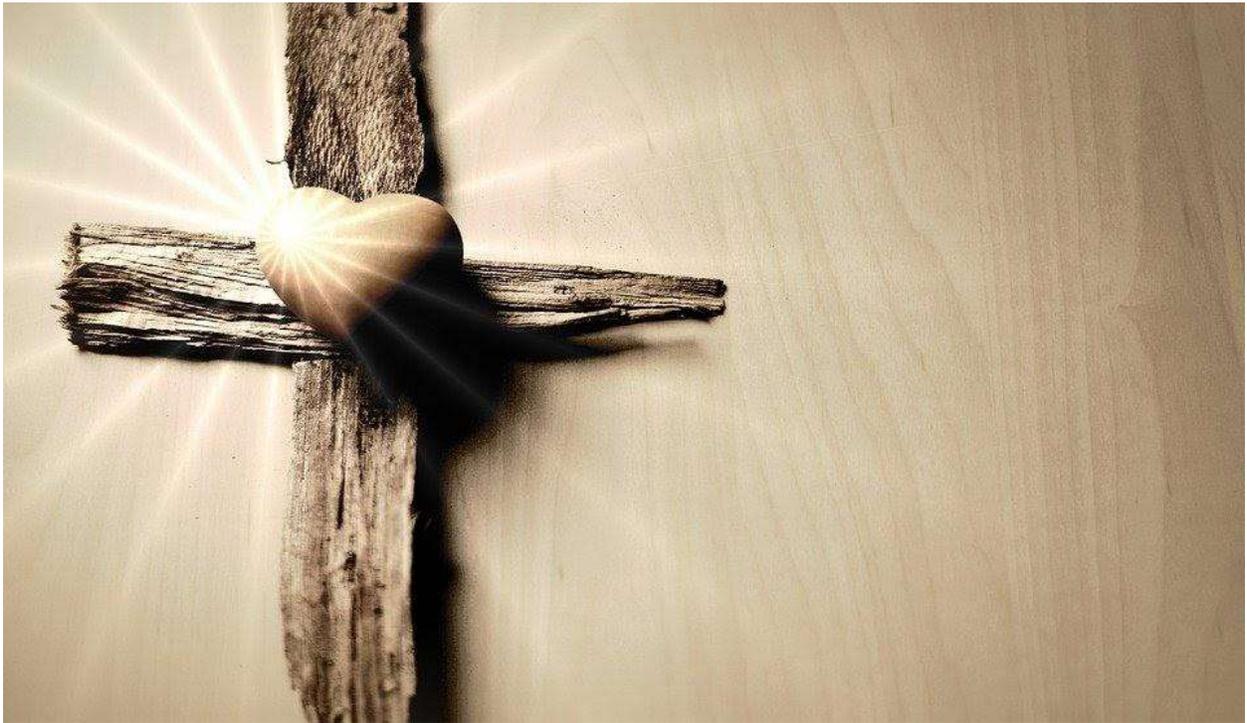


Durham Mennonite Church

February 20, 2022

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

Preaching: Duane Beck Worship Leader: Marcia Nice



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son.

Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone.

Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated.

May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.

Call to Worship (Luke 6)

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies,

and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you,

and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others

as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.

Hymn - To God be the Glory

Hymn - The Lords my Shepherd

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, teacher of hard truths,
it is difficult to let go of our anger
toward those who prosper
through deceit and unscrupulous ways;
it is not easy to make ourselves believe
that the meek will inherit the earth,
when they are being crushed by unjust systems.
We long to see the vindication of the righteous
and the prosperity of those who work selflessly
to bring your realm here on earth.

We yearn for the day
when all people will treat one another
as they wish to be treated.

Help us live into that day, Holy One,
even when it is difficult,
that your love might shine like the sun
through our lives and our ministries
that others may come to know you as Lord and
Savior -
Amen.

Assurance of Grace

When we treat others as we would have them treat us, Jesus calls us beloved children of the Most High.

If God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, how much more will God be kind to those who love the Lord and seek to live the Golden Rule? Rest in this assurance and be at peace.

Hymn - There's a wideness in God's Mercy
Blue Hymnal #145

Scripture – Luke 6:17-19, 27-38

Jesus Teaches and Heals

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Love for Enemies

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from

anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Sermon – Duane Beck

“What is your daily minimum requirement?”

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.

Hymn - Leaning on the everlasting arms

Benediction - Duane Beck