

Durham Mennonite Church

February 27, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship in person and on Zoom

Preaching: Jonathan Robie Worship Leader: Marcia Nice



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship - Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than
life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Hymn - Be thou my vision #549

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.

Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

3 Be thou my buckler,
my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,

thou my soul's shelter,
thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not,
nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 "True Light of heaven,
when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Hymn - Longing for light #715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair
Your word alone has pow'r to save us
Make us your living voice
Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst
Make us your bread, broken for others
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today

Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today

Prayer of Confession - #692 Blue Hymnal

O God, you rule the world from end to end.

and for all time.

You alone are God. In you alone we hope.

Forgive our sins. Heal our diseases.

Save us from destruction.

We repent of our stubbornness and pride.

**We desire to yield ourselves
more fully to your will.**

Keep us in your presence

that we might serve and witness

in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn - Rain Down #703

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love, God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God.

All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

God's mercy falls on the just and the right

full of God's love is the earth.

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love, God of life.

We who revere and find hope in our God
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.

God will protect us from darkness and
death.

God will not leave us to starve.

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love, God of life.

God of creation we long for your truth;

you are the water of life that we thirst.

Grant that your love and your peace touch
our hearts,

all of our hope is in you.

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love, God of life.

Scripture – Genesis 2:4-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Another Account of the Creation

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every

tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you

shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Scripture - Genesis 3

The First Sin and Its Punishment

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the

woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were

naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 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.

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."

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.”

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;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

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.”

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Then the Lord God said, “See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever” — therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden

he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Scripture - Matthew 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Scripture - Revelation 22:1-5

Sermon – Jonathan Robie

Reflection on the sermon

Sharing praises and prayer concerns

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” Ephesians 6:18 NLT

Pray Together - #996 Purple Hymnal

Hymn - The Lord lift you up #832

The Lord lift you up,
The Lord take your hand,
The Lord lead you forth,
and cause you to stand,
secure in God’s word,

seeking God's face,
abounding in love,
abiding in grace.

Benediction - #1059 Purple Hymnal