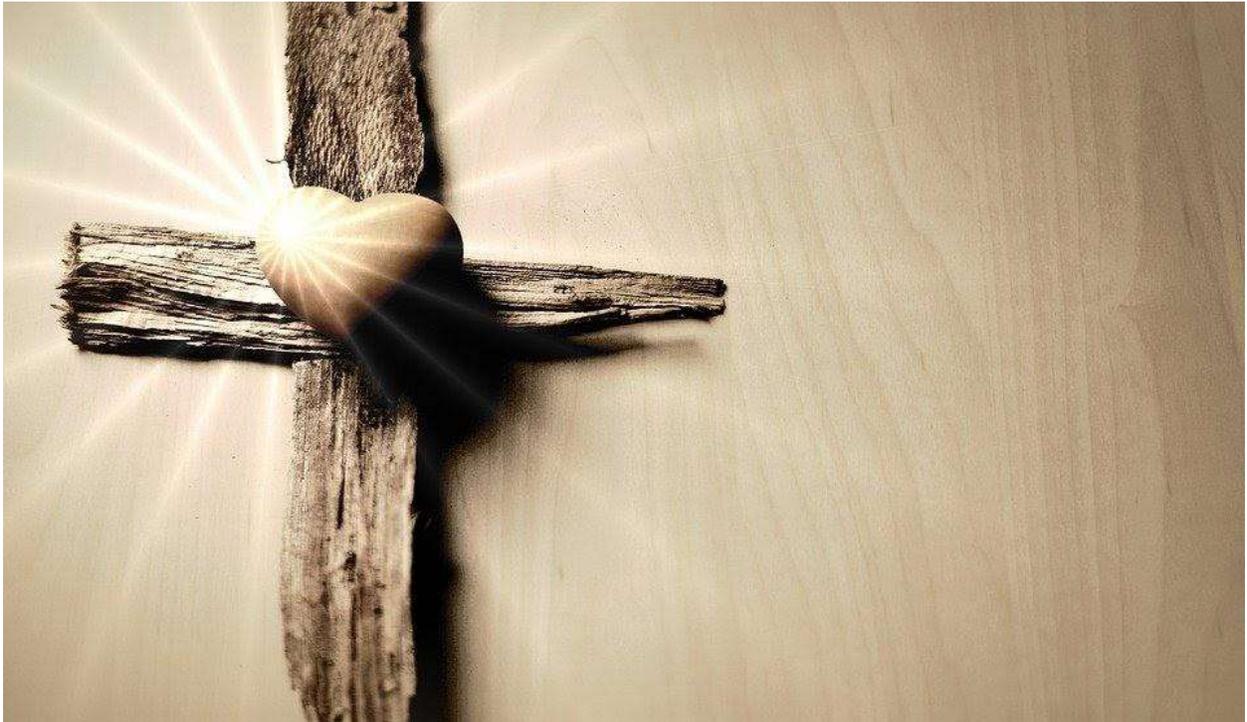


Durham Mennonite Church

March 6, 2022

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

Preaching: Jonathan Larson Worship Leader: Marcia Nice



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

O God, walk with us, as we enter the season of Lent. Help prepare us for the journey ahead. Stay with us through the wilderness experiences in our lives and remind us of your presence in all that we do. We come before you trusting in your mercy and love, longing to know you more and to experience the joy of your salvation offered to us through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Call to Worship (Psalm 91:1-2,9-16)

Assurance of God's Protection

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

2 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my
fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

10 no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning
you to guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a
stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will
trample under foot.

14 Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.

15 When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

16 With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Hymn - Yes, All, of my springs, Lord

All, yes, all of my springs, Lord.

All of my springs are in you.

All, yes, all of my springs, Lord.

All of my springs are in you.

All, yes, all of my wells, Lord.
All of my wells are in you.
All, yes, all of my wells, Lord.
All of my wells are in you.

All, yes, all of my hope, Lord.
All of my hope is in you.
All, yes, all of my hope, Lord.
All of my hope is in you.

All, yes, all of my strength, Lord.
All of my strength is in you.
All, yes, all of my strength, Lord.
All of my strength is in you.

Hymn - #6 Let's walk together

Hymn - #10 Here in this place

Confession of Sin

Holy Lord,

as we enter this Lenten season,
we are reminded of our weakness
and our need for your strength.

We ask your forgiveness when we fail
to resist the temptations of this world,
when we tread paths
that are contrary to your will.

We ask your forgiveness
when we fail to look beyond our own desires
to see another's need.

We ask for your presence
in the wilderness wanderings of our lives.

May your hand guide us from
the arid land of sin
into a land flowing with milk and honey—
a land made rich and abundant
by your love and saving grace.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

No one who believes in Jesus
will be put to shame.

And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Rejoice and celebrate, for forgiveness is ours
through the confession of faith in Christ.

Hymn - # 641 And I will raise you up

Scripture – Luke 6:17-26

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.

Blessings and Woes

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

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

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

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

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Sermon – Jonathan Larson

Reflection Time and Sharing for Prayer

Prayers of the Church

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.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. We come in grateful celebration of Jesus' cross and resurrection, giving from our receiving, inviting as we have been invited, serving as we are served, renewing our bond to the narrow way of Jesus. There is room at his table for all who follow after Jesus in God's covenant of grace and obedience.

The Lord is God, compassionate and gracious,

overflowing in loving mercy

and steadfast kindness.

Blessed be God, now and forever!

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the
hills are now united on this table in
bread and drink, so Lord, may we be
made a true community of your Spirit as
your Body on earth, and may your whole
people soon be gathered together from
across the earth in your Kingdom of holy
peace.

Come, Lord Jesus! To you be glory
forever!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise to the Lord,

because he is good; his love is eternal.

Truly, it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to offer our praise, worship, and thanksgiving to you, Almighty and Everlasting God. For your generous creating grace, for redemption from slavery and sin when we rebelled against you and forgot you, for sustaining us with manna even in the wilderness of lostness and judgment, and for calling your people into obedient love through your law, prophets, and apostles,

Blessed are you, O God, holy and mighty.

For your Son Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer; for his call to faith and peace; for his death and resurrection to bring forgiveness while we were your enemies killing him; for life in his Spirit, free from sin and death; for our communion with him in his Body, and the promise of his return in your full kingdom,

Blessed are you, Creator Spirit,
who makes all things new!

Come, Spirit of Christ, and fulfill the promise of your kingdom among us. For on the night that he was betrayed, during supper, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for

you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." So with praise and thanksgiving, we offer to you all these gifts and our very selves, received

from your grace, to be a holy and living sacrifice, united to Christ's self-giving for us and for the whole world:

We praise you, we bless you,

We worship and thank you, O Lord our God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this communion, on us gathered here and on these gifts, that the sharing of this bread and cup may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ for us. Sanctify and fill us with your true presence, that in all our lives we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As we share your presence anew at this table of your giving, let us share your presence with the world in the giving of our lives and selves, in your service for all people. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one in fellowship with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast together at your heavenly table with all your saints in the freedom of holiness.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

AMEN.

Hymn - #168 Peace to you

Benediction - #1065

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:

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.