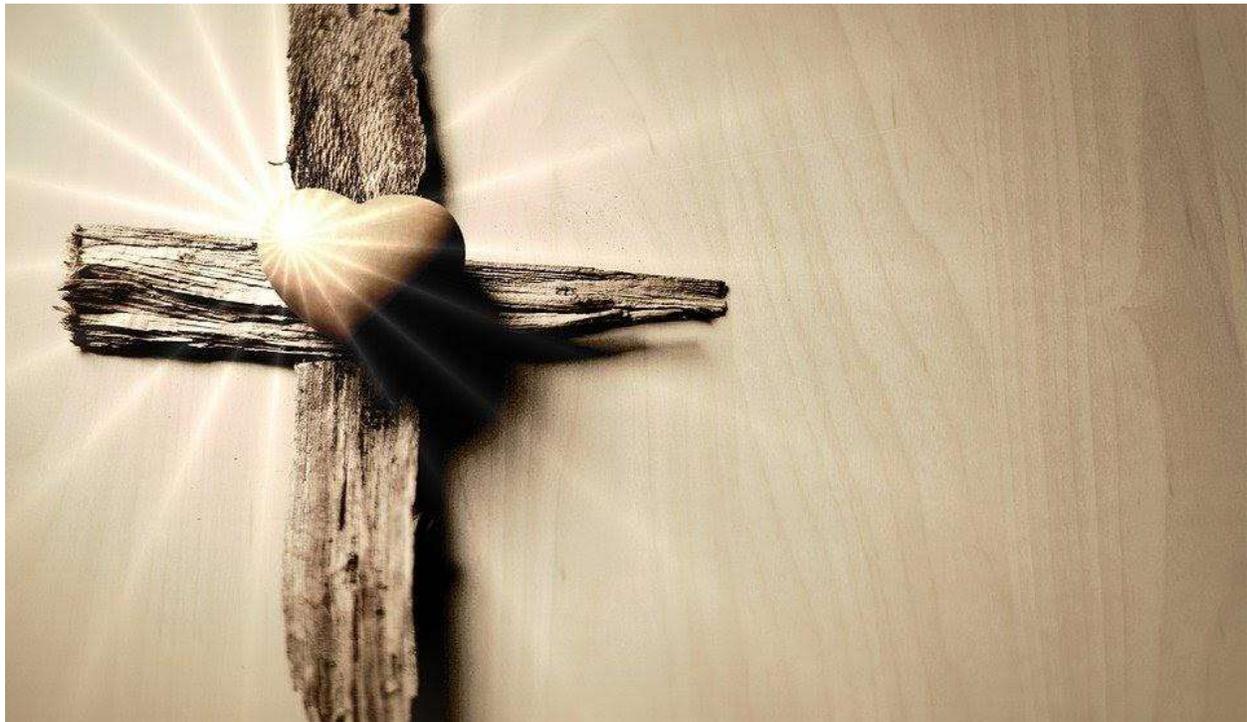


# **Durham Mennonite Church**

April 24, 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

Tuesday, April 26th 7:00 - Carols for Peace

Thursday, April 28th 7:00 - Church Council

Friday, April 29th - Urban Ministries Meal

Durham Mennonite Church will be serving a spaghetti supper for 150 at Urban Ministries of Durham on Friday, April 29, at 6 pm. We are collecting sign-ups for volunteers to bring food, to prepare food, and/or to serve food! Please join us!

## Opening Prayer

We hear your calling, Lord; how can we keep from singing?

How can we keep our lips from proclaiming the good news,  
that Jesus Christ is risen, bringing healing and forgiveness to all?

From the life in his blood he has freed us,  
making us a royal priesthood.

Whether we have seen or believe without seeing,  
we have found life in his name.

In Christ's name, we give thanks and praise. Amen!

## **Call to Worship (Psalm 150)**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Sing praises to the Lord.

**Shout and sing praises to God.**

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

**We have seen the Lord's greatness.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**Let everything that draws breath**

**Praise the Lord!**

## **Hymn - #341 VT Christ is arisen, Alleluia**

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Christ has arisen, alleluia!**

The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there."

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Christ has arisen, alleluia!**

“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;  
He has arisen mortals to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won.”

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Christ has arisen, alleluia!**

**Hymn - #565 MH I know that my redeemer lives**  
I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
And on the earth again shall stand;  
I know eternal life He giveth,  
That grace and power are in His hand.

**Chorus:**

**I know, I know that Jesus liveth,  
And on the earth again shall stand;  
I know, I know that life He giveth,  
That grace and power are in His hand.**

I know His promise never faileth,  
The word He speaks, it cannot die;  
Tho' cruel death my flesh assaileth,  
Yet I shall see Him by and by.

**Chorus:**

**I know, I know that Jesus liveth,  
And on the earth again shall stand;  
I know, I know that life He giveth,  
That grace and power are in His hand.**

I know my mansion He prepareth,  
That where He is there I may be;  
Oh, wondrous thought, for me He careth,  
And He at last will come for me.

**Chorus:**

**I know, I know that Jesus liveth,  
And on the earth again shall stand;  
I know, I know that life He giveth,  
That grace and power are in His hand!**

**Hymn - #361 VT Christ who left his home in glory**

**Christ who left His home in glory,  
And upon the cross was slain,  
Now is risen! Oh, tell the story,  
That the Savior lives again.**

**Hail Him! Hail Him!**

**Tell the story!**

**Hail! all hail!**

**Jesus lives forevermore.**

While the world in peace was sleeping,  
Early on that Easter day,  
Came the faithful women weeping,  
But the stone was rolled away.

**Hail Him! Hail Him!**  
**Tell the story!**  
**Hail! all hail!**  
**Jesus lives forevermore.**

Christ, our loving Mediator,  
Now with God for you and me  
Intercedes, and our Creator  
Hears and answers every plea

**Hail Him! Hail Him!**  
**Tell the story!**  
**Hail! all hail!**  
**Jesus lives forevermore.**

## **Prayer of Confession (John 20)**

Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord?

Is seeing truly believing?

Are we to be prisoners of our senses,  
distrusting and rejecting

whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear?

Yet you are faithful—

you give sight to the blind,

you carry us when we are weary,

you call us to your side.

The locked room of our hearts  
opens at the turn of your key.

Speak your words of life to us again:

“Do not doubt, only believe.”

Speak your words of life,

that we might

live.

## **Assurance of Grace (John 20)**

The peace of God be with you.

Receive God's forgiveness  
and the promise of the Spirit,  
for Jesus is risen from the dead.

Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst,  
and we see the presence of Christ  
reflected in each other's faces.

Happy are those who have not seen,  
yet have come to believe.

## **Hymn - #269 BH Thine is the glory**

Thine is the glory,  
risen conquering Son.

Endless is the victory,  
thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,

kept the folded grave clothes  
where Thy body lay.

**Thine is the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won!**

Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb  
Lovingly, He greets us  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth,  
death hath lost its sting.

**Thine is the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won**

No more we doubt Thee  
Glorious Prince of life  
Life is naught without Thee  
Aid us in our strife  
Make us more than conquerors  
Through Thy deathless love  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To Thy home above.

**Thine is the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.**

## **Scripture – Mark 15:37 - 16:8**

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

### **The Burial of Jesus**

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God,

went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

## **The Resurrection of Jesus**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up,

they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### **The Shorter Ending of Mark**

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

## **Scripture - Luke 24:1-12**

### **The Resurrection of Jesus**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary

Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

### **Scripture - John 20:18-29**

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said

this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## **Jesus and Thomas**

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

## **The Purpose of This Book**

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the

Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## **Jesus and Peter**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He

said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

## **Jesus and the Beloved Disciple**

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray

you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

**Sermon – Jonathan Robie**

**Reflection on the sermon**

**Sharing praises and prayer concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer - #731 Hymnal**

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 - #340 VT Lift your glad voices**

Lift your glad voices in triumph on high,

for Jesus has risen and we shall not die.

Vain were the terrors that gathered around him,

and short the dominion of death and the grave.

He burst from the fetters of evil that bound him,

resplendent in glory, to live and to save.

Loud was the chorus of angels on high,

the Savior has risen, and we shall not die.

Glory to God, in full anthems of joy;  
the being God gave us, death cannot destroy.  
Sad were the life we may part with tomorrow,  
if tears were our birthright and death were our  
end.

But Jesus has cheered the deep valley of sorrow,  
and bade us, immortal, to heaven ascend.  
Lift then your voices in triumph on high,  
for Jesus has risen, and we shall not die.

## **Benediction**

**Offerings may be placed in the offering  
basket or given electronically on the  
church's website.**