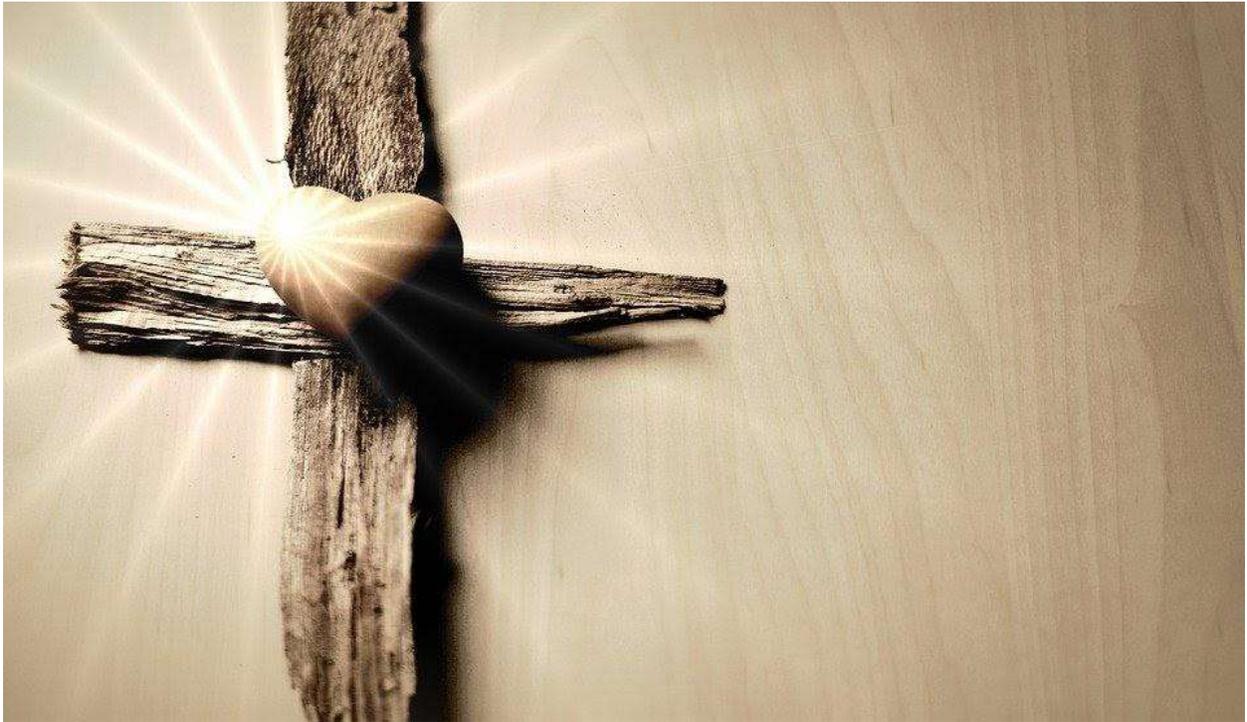


Durham Mennonite Church

May 1, 2022

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

Preaching: Duane Beck Worship Leader: Jackie Carroll



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship - #857 Voices Together

Holy God,
you call us together
to reflect on your Word
and our life in your world.

Be with us now
as we sing and pray together,
that we may hear your voice
and understand your way.

This we pray
through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Hymn - #86 You are exalted

Hymn - #389 Together

Hymn - #92 Build my life

Prayer of Confession - #890 Voices Together

Leader: Let us confess our sins
in the presence of God
and one another.

All: Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not always loved you with
our whole heart; and we have not**

**loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together in Christ
By grace we have been saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven.
Almighty God, strengthen us
with power in the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts
through faith. Amen.

Hymn - #563 Come Thou Fount

Scripture – Acts 9:1-19

The Conversion of Saul

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes

were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring

my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Sermon – Duane Beck

“The mirror that reflects our mission face”

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 - #830 Go my children

Benediction - #1068 Voices Together

Eternal God,
you call us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet trodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us,
and your love supporting us,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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