

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Call to Worship

Open our ears....

to hear your word.

Open our eyes....

to see your presence.

Open our arms....

to the embrace of community.

Open our minds....

to the beauty of truth.

Open our hearts....

to the joy of new life.

Hymn - VT #49 All who are thirsty

All who are thirsty

And all who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the streams of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come Lord Jesus, come

Come Lord Jesus, come

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Come Lord Jesus, come

To all who are thirsty

And all who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the streams of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come

Hymn - VT #57 Holy Spirit, come with power
Holy Spirit, come with power,
breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour,
waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful, we are ailing,
we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation,
give us vigor, life anew.

Holy Spirit, come with fire,
burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir
sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness
and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation,
give us gladness from above.

Holy Spirit, bring your message,
burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living
till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness,
lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation
and inspire us with your word.

Hymn - VT #86 You are exalted

You are exalted forever exalted on High

I will praise you

You are exalted forever exalted

And I will praise your name

You are my God

Forever your truth shall reign

Heaven and Earth

Rejoice in your holy name

You are exalted forever exalted on high.

Prayer of Thankfulness

Praise to God who has given us life

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope!

Hymn - VT #436 How great thou art

Oh Lord, my God

When I, in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When through the woods

and forest glades I wander

and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration

And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

Scripture – Psalm 90

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

1

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

2

Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3

You turn us back to dust
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

4

For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.

5

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

6

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

7

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

8

You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9

For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

10

The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11

Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

12

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

13

Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

14

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.

16

Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.

17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Scripture - John 16:25-33

Peace for the Disciples

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf, for the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you

will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!”

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And

all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 4

Treasure in Clay Jars

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the

glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Living by Faith

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

**Sermon – “Therefore, we do not lose heart”
Jonathan Robie**

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 - VT #160 Leaning

Leaning on the everlasting arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Benediction

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24-25

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