

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

July 3, 2022



**Welcome!**

# **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God, O faithful ones.  
Give thanks and proclaim God's holy name.  
Weeping or joyful, mourning or dancing,  
come as you are, for all are welcome here.  
Open your hearts to healing, to life restored.  
Let us worship God.

### **Hymn - VT #111 Bless the Lord, oh my soul**

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

## VERSE 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and  
whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

## VERSE 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

### VERSE 3

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
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### **Hymn - VT #174 Christ has broken down the wall**

Christ has broken down the wall.  
Christ has broken down the wall.  
Let us join our hearts as one.  
Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are.  
We're accepted as we are.  
Through God's love all is reconciled.  
We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, freely offered here;  
cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls!  
We will tear down every wall!  
God has called us, one and all.  
Christ has broken down the wall.

**Hymn - VT #527 Bless the arms that comfort**  
Bless the arms that comfort,  
strong to shoulder care,

gentle in their healing,  
reaching through despair.  
Bless the hands that labor  
Martha's daily deeds;  
Mary's precious ointment,  
balm for diff'rent needs.

Bless the ears that listen,  
sharing joys and fears—  
laughing in our triumphs,  
weeping with our tears.  
Bless the eyes whose wisdom  
sees through pride's façade,  
cherishing our weakness  
with the heart of God.

Bless the feet that follow,  
like Naomi's Ruth—  
constant friend through sorrow,  
speaking holy truth:  
Though our journeys lead us far

in time and space,  
God anoints companions, ministers of grace.

## **Confession of Sin**

Friends in Christ,  
God knows our needs before we ask  
and in our asking  
prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

We open our lives to God's healing  
presence  
seeking peace with God  
and reconciliation with our neighbors.

We are mindful not only of personal evil  
but also of our communal sins  
of family, class, race, and nation.

We confess to God what has wounded us  
or brought injury to others,

that we may receive mercy  
and become for each other  
ministers of God's grace.

**(silence)**

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ!

Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation!**

**The old life has gone, a new life has begun!**

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Amen!**

## **Hymn - VT #705 For the healing of the nations**

For the healing of the nations,  
    Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
    of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
    help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
    from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
    all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how, through care and goodness,  
    fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

## **Scripture – 2 Kings 5:1-14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant

Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and

Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

## **Scripture - Psalm 30**

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- <sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- <sup>3</sup> O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down

to the Pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
“I shall never be moved.”

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O Lord,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> To you, O Lord, I cried,  
and to the Lord I made supplication:

<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!”

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> so that my soul<sup>b</sup> may praise you and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

## **Scripture - Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

### **The Mission of the Seventy-Two**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its

people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

## **The Return of the Seventy-Two**

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you,

but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

## **Sermon – Kevin Nice**

## **Reflection on the sermon**

## **Sharing praises and prayer concerns**

## **Hymn - VT #813 Heart with loving heart united**

1 Heart with loving heart united,  
met to know God's holy will.  
Let his love in us ignited  
more and more our spirits fill.

He the Head, we are his members;  
we reflect the light he is.

He the Master, we disciples,  
he is ours and we are his.

2 May we all so love each other  
and all selfish claims deny,  
so that each one for the other  
will not hesitate to die.

Even so our Lord has loved us;  
for our lives he gave his life.

Still he grieves and still he suffers,  
for our selfishness and strife.

3 Since, O Lord, you have demanded  
that our lives your love should show  
so we wait to be commanded

forth into your world to go.  
Kindle is us love's compassion  
so that ev'ryone may see  
in our faith and hope the promise  
of a new humanity.

## **Benediction**