

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, say and do, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. AMEN.

## Call to Worship (Psalm 57:9-11)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

**I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

**your faithfulness extends to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

**Let your glory be over all the earth!**

## **Hymn - #103 Joyful, joyful we adore thee**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

## Hymn - #167 For God so loved us

For God so loved us,  
He sent the Savior:  
For God so loved us,  
and loves me too.  
Love so unending!  
I'll sing His praises,  
God loves His children,  
loves even me.

2

He sent the Savior,  
the blest Redeemer;  
He sent the Savior  
to set me free.

Love so unending!  
I'll sing His praises,  
God loves His children,  
loves even me.

3

He bade me welcome,  
O word of mercy;  
He bade me welcome,  
O voice divine.

Love so unending!  
I'll sing His praises,  
God loves His children,  
loves even me.

4

Glory and honor,

O Love eternal,

To Him be given

while life shall last.

Love so unending!

I'll sing His praises,

God loves His children,

loves even me.

### **Hymn - #389 Take my life**

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days,

Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing,  
Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## **Confession of Faith**

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**Hymn** - #549 Be thou my vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

## Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee  
one.

## Verse 4

Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven,  
my Treasure Thou art.

## Verse 5

True Light of heaven when victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys,  
O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Scripture – Isaiah 54:10,11**

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Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”  
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

11

“Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted,  
I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise,  
your foundations with lapis lazuli.

## **Scripture - Luke 19:1-10**

### Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated

anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**Sermon – “For God so loved the world”  
Chuck Hostetter**

**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.

# **A Farewell Litany: Emissaries of Heaven**

**by Jonathan Larson**

Cheryl: Sometimes Heaven sends us friends to comfort us, to brace our hopes and to entreat us.

**All: Such have we found in Duane, and ask that his passing in our midst not have been in vain.**

Jonathan: Sometimes Heaven sends us teachers to grow our understanding and to give reproof.

**All: Such have we found in Duane, and ask that his passing in our midst not have been in vain.**

Joyce: Sometimes Heaven sends us counselors to offer wisdom and to be patient with our weaknesses.

**All: Such have we found in Duane, and ask that his passing in our midst not have been in vain.**

Jackie: Sometimes Heaven sends us healers, to lay hands on our woundedness, to restore us to well-being.

**All: Such have we found in Duane, and ask that his passing in our midst not have been in vain.**

Kevin: Sometimes Heaven sends us prophets to stir us up, to warn us to be urgent in seeking a broader vision.

**All: Such have we found in Duane, and ask that his passing in our midst not have been in vain.**

Marcia: And sometimes Heaven sends us angels in humble guise who remind us that we are not forgotten.

**All: Such have we found in Duane, and ask that his gentle passing in our midst not have been in vain.**

**And so we bid a grateful 'Godspeed' to our emissary from Heaven who goes on to sacred tasks elsewhere asking that he and Lois be met there, too, with welcome and fruitfulness. AMEN**

## **Hymn - #173 The Lord your God is with you**

Congregation join in on the second time

The Lord your God is with you

who is mighty to save

God will take great joy in you

God will quiet you with love

and God will rejoice over you with singing

Allelujah! Allelujah!

**Presentation to Duane - Cheryl Van Horn**

## **Hymn - #832 The Lord lift you up**

The Lord lift you up,  
the Lord take your hand,  
the Lord lead you forth,  
and cause you to stand,  
secure in God's word,  
seeking God's face,  
abounding in love,  
abiding in grace.

## **Sending - VT #1050**

Leader: From where we are  
to where you need us.

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

Leader: From the familiarity of what we know  
to the wonder of what you will reveal.

**All: Jesus, now lead us.**

Leader: To transform the fabric of this world  
until it resembles the shape of your  
kingdom.

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

Leader: Because good things have been  
prepared for those who love God.

**All: Jesus, now lead on!**

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