

# Durham Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

Lord God Almighty,  
we praise you for who you are  
and the great things you have done!

You are the healer,  
**bring healing in this place.**

You are our righteousness,  
**bring transformation in this place.**

You are the provider,  
**increase our trust in you.**

You are the God who is with us,  
**let us enter your presence.**

You are the Lord of Hosts,  
**bring victory in our struggles.**

You are the God of Peace,  
**bring comfort in our chaos.**

You, whose power and mercy  
have extended to all ends of creation,  
pour your love on us this day  
that we might be healed  
and be made ready to serve you  
by serving others in this world  
that you have created.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

## **Hymn - Bless the Lord, O my soul**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me  
Bless God's holy name! (repeat)

God has done great things,  
God has done great things,  
God has done great things  
Bless His holy name!

## **Hymn - #706 Healing river**

Oh healing river, send down your water,  
Send down your water, upon this land.  
Oh healing river, send down your waters,  
And wash the blood, from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning,  
No seed is growing on the barren ground.  
Oh healing river, send down your waters,  
Oh healing river, send your water down.

Oh seed of freedom, awake and flourish,  
Let the deep roots nourish,  
let the tall stalks rise.  
Oh healing river, send down your waters,  
Oh healing river, from out of the skies.

## **Hymn - #647 There is a balm in Gilead**

There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.

**Sometimes I feel discouraged  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.**

There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.

If you can not pray like Peter,  
If you can not pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus  
And say, "He died for all."

**There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the wounded soul.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of healing,  
God of wholeness,  
we bring our brokenness,  
our sinfulness,  
our fears  
and despair,  
and lay them at your feet.

God of healing,  
God of wholeness,  
we hold out hearts and hands,  
minds and souls  
to feel your touch,  
and know the peace  
that only you can bring.

God of healing,  
God of wholeness,  
this precious moment  
in your presence and power  
grant us faith and confidence  
that here broken lives  
are made whole.  
Amen.

## **Hymn - #644 Healer of our every ill**

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

**You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.  
[Refrain]**

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

**In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.  
[Refrain]**

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

**You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.  
(Refrain)**

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

## **Prayer for Understanding**

Help us, now O living word,  
To go to the scripture  
Hand in hand with you;  
You guiding our thinking,  
You keeping us from stumbling,  
You pointing out what is of first importance.

Help us to find there all the freedom you  
embody:

Peace in each encounter,  
Love in each interaction,  
Joy in each invitation. AMEN

## Scripture – Psalm 71:1-6

1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness deliver me

and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress,<sup>a</sup> to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

4 Rescue me, O my God,

from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

5 For you, O Lord, are my hope,

my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me

from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

## Scripture - Isaiah 58:9b-14

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Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am.

“If you take away from the midst of you the yoke,

the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

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if you pour yourself out for the hungry

and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,

then shall your light rise in the darkness

and your gloom be as the noonday.

11

And the Lord will guide you continually,

and satisfy your desire with good things,

and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

12

And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to dwell in.

13

“If you turn back your foot from the sabbath,  
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,  
and call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;

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then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

## Scripture - Luke 13:10-17

### Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away

to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## **Sermon – Jonathan Larson**

# **Time of Prayer for Healing**

## **Hymn - 'Lay Your Hands Gently Upon Us'**

Lay your hands gently upon us.  
Let their touch render your peace.  
Let them bring your forgiveness and healing.  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

You have come to heal the broken-hearted.  
You have come to give sight to the blind.  
You have come to heal all our illnesses,  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

Lay your hands gently upon us.  
Let their touch render your peace.  
Let them bring your forgiveness and healing.  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

Lord we come to You through one another  
Lord, we come to you in our need.  
Lord we come to you seeking wholeness  
Lay your hands gently, lay your hands.

### **Closing Hymn - #703 Rain down**

Rain down, rain down.  
Rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down.  
Rain down your love, God of life.

**Faithful and true is the word of our God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.  
God's mercy falls on the just and the right  
full of God's love is the earth.**

Rain down, rain down.  
Rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down.  
Rain down your love, God of life.

**We who revere and find hope in our God  
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.  
God will protect us  
from darkness and death.  
God will not leave us to starve.**

Rain down, rain down.  
Rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down.  
Rain down your love, God of life.

**God of creation we long for your truth;  
you are the water of life that we thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace  
touch our hearts,  
all of our hope is in you.**

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down your love, God of life.

## **Sending - (from Luke 13)**

On the Sabbath,  
Jesus was teaching in the synagogue,  
and a crippled woman was healed.

**Jesus set her free.**

After he touched her,  
she rose up and praised God.

**As we depart today, may God set us free.**

**May we lead lives worthy of our calling,  
and may your praise be always upon our lips.**

**Amen.**

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