

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

August 28, 2022



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

O God,

We gather to worship you,  
the one who creates all things

**For the gift of creation, we give thanks.**

We gather to worship you,  
the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

**For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.**

We bring to you all our offerings of thanks  
and praise for all your gifts.

**We worship you -**

**our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

## **Hymn - #37 Praise to the Lord**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear;  
now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth;  
shelters thee under his wings, yea,  
so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
as with his love he befriends thee.

4 Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him.

Let the “amen”

sound from God’s people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

## Hymn - #71 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Praising thee their 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!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever bless'd,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Leading us with mercy's hand.  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

## **Hymn - #43 Christ is our cornerstone**

1. Christ is our cornerstone,

On him alone we build.

With his true saints alone

The courts of heav'n are filled.

On his great love our hopes we place

Of present grace and joys above.

2. Oh, then with hymns of praise

These hallowed courts shall ring.

Our voices we will raise,

The Three-in-One to sing,

And thus proclaim in joyful song

both loud and long that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do Thou  
Forevermore draw nigh;  
Accept each faithful prayer,  
And mark each suppliant sigh;  
In copious shower on all who pray,  
Each holy day, Thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from Heav'n,  
The grace which we implore;  
And may that grace, once given,  
Be with us evermore;  
Until that day when all the blest  
To endless rest are called away.

## **Confession of Sin**

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:  
Forgive us when we follow those paths  
that do not lead to life,  
That lead instead to fear, or hate, or violence,  
Paths that lead to dread and death.  
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,  
Life that is abundant and eternal,  
Life that began at the creation of all things.  
Forgive us, turn us to the right path,  
and let your love and grace  
flow over us and the world.  
We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake.  
Amen.

## Hymn - #143 Amazing grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers,  
toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

5 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

6 When we've been there 10,000 years  
bright shining as the sun  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

## Scripture – Psalm 1

Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take

or sit in the company of mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

## **Scripture - John 17:13-20**

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we

are one — I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**Scripture - 1 John 2:15-17; 20-21 (NIV)**

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.

**Sermon – Jonathan Robie**

**Congregational response**

**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 - #420 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 in us love's compassion  
so that ev'ryone may see  
in our fellowship the promise  
of a new humanity.

## **Benediction**

Gracious and eternal God,  
we thank you for the bonds of love  
we share within your  
church.

We thank you for Jesus Christ,  
who has joined us in one living body.  
Enable us by your Spirit, to continue

to walk together in unity of love and purpose,  
to help one another by work and example,  
to live in faithful obedience to your will.  
So that your name will be praised  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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