

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Isaiah 55:1-3,6-9

An Invitation to Abundant Life

55

Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

2

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

3

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

6

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

7

let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

9

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hymn - #495 O let all who thirst (WB)

O let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden
Bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord

Prayer

Great Householder of faith,
You have set the table of life,
Sent your own Son to welcome and receive us all
To that feast of mercy, grace and joy,
Grant now that we might shed
Every hesitation and pretense,
To find our places there in humility
Along with all who have fled to your side.
Let us hear that word that brings new birth,
That sets our feet on a path
Of radiant light and goodness.
For love of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn - #521 (WB)

Come thou fount of many blessings

Come, thou fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer

Hither by Thy help I've come

And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Hymn - #660 The Lord's my shepherd (VT)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.

Confession of Sin (Psalm 51:1-3,10-12)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

Hymn - #597 O how happy are they (WB)

O how happy are they

Who the Savior obey,

And have laid up their treasure above!

O what tongue can express

The sweet comfort and peace

Of a soul in its earliest love.

O, that comfort was mine,

When the favor divine

I first found in the blood of the Lamb;

When my heart it believed,
What a joy it received,
What a heaven in Jesus his Name!

What a heaven below,
My Redeemer to know,
And the angels could do nothing more,
Than to fall at His feet,
And the story repeat,
And the Lover of sinners adore.

Jesus all the day long
Was my joy and my song;
O that all His salvation may see!
He hath loved me, I cried,
He hath suffered, and died,
To redeem such a rebel as me.

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 1:25-31

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Scripture - Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she

loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon – Jonathan Larson

Hymn - Jesu Azali Awa

(Jesus Christ is present here)

Lingala, DR Congo (Luke 15:1-2)

Jesu azali awa. (2x)

Jesu azali awa na bisu. (repeat)

Refrain:

(Alleluia)

Alleluia, O alleluia!

Alleluia na Jesu! (repeat)

Jesus Christ is present here. (2x)

Jesus Christ is present here with us. (repeat)

Refrain:

(Alleluia)

Alleluia, O alleluia!

Alleluia praise the Lord! (repeat)

He came to feast with the down and out. (2x)

He came to feast with the down and out, O can it be? (repeat)

Refrain:

(Alleluia)

Alleluia, O alleluia!

Alleluia praise the Lord! (repeat)

There's a place for you and me. (2x)

There's a place for you and me, yes, you and me!

Congregational response

Sharing praises and prayer concerns

The Lord's Prayer - #731 Hymnal

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 - #767 God loves all his many children (VT)

Sending - #1055 (VT)

Go, knowing you are beloved by God.

Go, praising God for the good news
in Jesus Christ.

Go, living the message
of God's grace, peace and love. Amen.