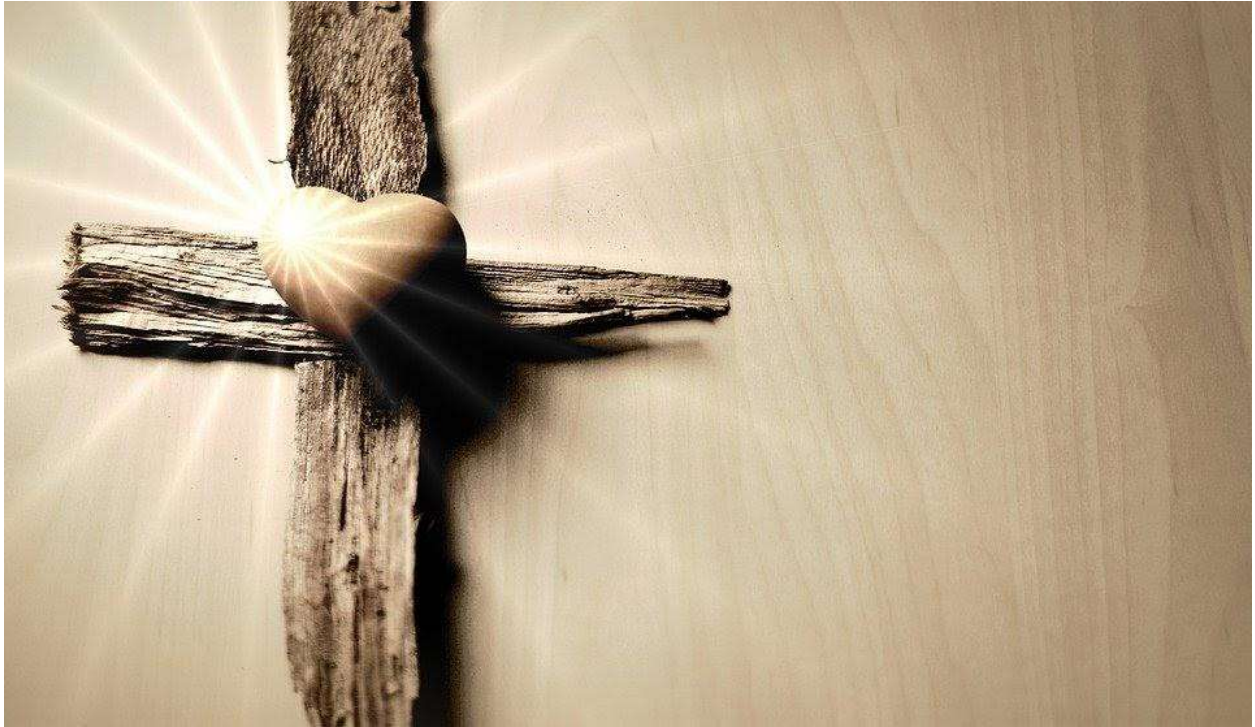


Durham Mennonite Church

April 23, 2023



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, you have so much to show us and to tell us—
things that no human eyes have seen,
things that no human ears have heard,
things that you have prepared for those you love.

Mighty God, your promises are like shelter in a storm—
to us and to our children,
to all those far and near,
to everyone who hears your call.

O, that we might have the mind of Christ,
that we may know and understand your truth.

We wait as empty vessels,
ready to be filled to overflowing with your living water,
as you reveal your love for us through Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

As you walk with us, as we journey together,

Lord, your word fills our hearts!

As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!

As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

may all people be drawn to you,

the risen Lord!

Hymn - Were You There? (#329 VT)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Oh.....sometimes it causes me to

tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

Oh.....sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

Were you there,
when He walked the road with them?

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when He walked the road with them?

Oh.....sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there,
when He walked the road with them?

Were you there,
when He blest and broke the bread?

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when He blest and broke the bread?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.

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Hymn - What a Fellowship (#160 VT)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

Oh, how bright the path

grows from day to day,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Hymn - Morning Has Broken. (#495 VT)

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, We're afraid
to take a truthful look at ourselves,
yet you see us as we really are.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Even when we won't listen to you,
you hear us when we call your name.

Open our ears, Lord.

We keep the light of your word
hidden to ourselves,
though you gave it to share with the world.

Open our mouths, Lord.

May we know and serve the One
who calls us to see, hear, and speak.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Scripture - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD: 'O LORD, I pray, save my life!'

¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant,
the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Scripture – Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus

himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he

was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he

was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Spoken Choir

- 1) Walk the road together.
- 2) The stranger will be known at the table.

Sermon – Jonathan Larson

Hymn - Open Our Eyes, Lord (2x)

Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch him
And say that we love him
Open our ears, Lord
And Help us to listen
Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus

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And Help us to listen
Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus

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 - Thine is the Glory (HWB #269)

1 Thine is the
glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness

hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting!
Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.
Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Benediction - #1066 VT

May the Christ who walks
on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves
with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves
with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.

May you seek the face of Christ
in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet
see the face of Christ in you.