

# Durham Mennonite Church

Trinity Sunday June 4, 2023



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship (from Psalm 8:1)**

O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength  
to still the enemy and the vengeful.

**O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## **Hymn - HWB #121**

### **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

1 Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy sceptre claim,  
All in heav'n above adore thee;  
Infinite, thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

2 Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 Lo! The apostolic train  
Join, the sacred Name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the loud refrain,  
And the white robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun,  
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim thee;  
And adoring, bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

## Hymn - VT #720, "O God in Heaven"

1 O God in heaven, grant to your children  
mercy and blessing, songs never-ceasing;  
grace to invite us, peace to unite us,  
O God in heaven, author of love.

2 Jesus, Redeemer, may we remember  
your pain and passion, your resurrection:  
your call to follow, your love tomorrow,  
Jesus, Redeemer, savior and friend.

3 Spirit descending, give us your blessing,  
strength for the weary, help for the needy;  
hope for the scornful,  
peace for the mournful,  
Spirit unending, comfort and guide.

# **Hymn - VT #433, I Believe in God Almighty**

## **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace**

**We confess, O holy God, our weakness and failure. We confess that we give up hope rather than take up the cross. We confess that we let faith wither rather than trust you before ourselves. We confess we shrink from love rather than risk being hurt. Forgive us and help us, we pray.**

**Most Holy Trinity, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lord, cleanse us from our sins.**

**O Master, pardon our iniquities.**

**O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities,  
for your Name's sake.**

**Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

*(from Psalm 103:8-12)*

## **Hymn - VT #461, Come to the Table of Grace**

1 Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace.  
Come to the table of peace.



This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of peace.

3 Come to the table of love.  
Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of love.

4 Come to the table of hope.  
Come to the table of hope.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of hope.

5 Come to the table of joy.  
Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of joy.

## **Scripture Reading - Exodus 3:13-15**

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

## **Revelation 22:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.

The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

## **Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

# **Sermon – Spencer Bradford**

## **Responses of the Congregation**

### **Sharing praises and prayer concerns**

#### **Prayer and 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.

## **Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The gifts of God for the people of God. We come in grateful celebration of Jesus' cross and resurrection, giving from our receiving, inviting as we have been invited, serving as we are served, renewing our bond to the narrow way of Jesus. There is room at his table for all who follow Jesus in God's covenant of grace and obedience.

**The Lord is God, compassionate and gracious, overflowing in loving mercy and steadfast kindness. Blessed be God, now and forever!**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hills are now united on this table in bread and drink, so Lord, may we be made a true community of your Spirit as your Body on earth, and may your whole people soon be gathered together from across the earth in your Kingdom of holy peace.

**Come, Lord Jesus! To you be glory forever!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise  
to the Lord, because he is good;  
his love is eternal.**

Truly, it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to offer our praise, worship, and thanksgiving to you, Almighty and Ever-living God. For your generous creating grace, for redemption from slavery and sin, and for calling your people into obedient love through your law, prophets, and apostles,

**Blessed are you, O God, holy and mighty.**

For your Son Jesus Christ, our healer, redeemer, and teacher; for his call to faith and discipleship; for his death and resurrection to bring forgiveness while we were your enemies killing him; for life in his Spirit, following his way of

freedom from sin and death; for our communion with him in his Body, and the promise of his return in your full kingdom.

**Blessed are you, Creator Spirit,  
who makes all things new!**

Come, Spirit of Christ, and fulfill the promise of your kingdom among us. For on the night that he was arrested, during supper, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." So with praise and thanksgiving, we offer to you all these gifts and our very selves, received from your grace, to be a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's self-giving for us and for the whole world:

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship  
and thank you, O Lord our God.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this communion, on us gathered here and on these gifts, that the sharing of this bread and cup may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Sanctify and fill us with your true presence, that in all our lives we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As we share your presence anew at this table of your giving, let us share your presence with the world in the giving of our lives and selves after your example, carrying the cross in your service for all people.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one in fellowship with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast together at your heavenly table with all your saints in your glory, praising your holy name:

*(singing blue Hymnal #127)*



**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

## **Sharing of Bread and Cup at the Lord's Table**

*As bread and drink are distributed, we'll hold to partake together.*

## **Hymn - VT #765, "Listen, God is Calling"**

*Refrain:*

Listen, listen, God is calling  
through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

1 Jesus gave his mandate;  
share the good news  
that he came to save us and set us free.

Listen, listen, God is calling  
through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

2 Let none be forgotten  
throughout the world.  
In the triune name of God,  
go and baptize.

Listen, listen, God is calling  
through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

3 Help us to be faithful,  
standing steadfast,  
walking in your precepts,  
led by your Word.

Listen, listen, God is calling  
through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

**Benediction** (*from 2 Corinthians 13:11,14*)

And now, my friends, farewell. Mend your ways;  
take our appeal to heart; agree with one another;  
live in peace; and the God of love and peace will  
be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit, be with you all.