

Durham Mennonite Church

June 25, 2023



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Holy God, you call us together in Jesus Christ as his Body on earth, to receive your Word, to be fed by your Holy Spirit, to pray and sing together in your Spirit as his Body, in fellowship surrounded by all your servants who have gone before us and now sing your music of grace and love in the fullness of your kingdom. Be present to us now, we pray, as you are to them and to all your hosts in eternity, that we may hear your voice, and open all our lives here, and in every moment and hour, to become more fully instruments through whom the music of your kingdom sounds and resounds, to your everlasting glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, world without end.
Amen.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 86:12-16)

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God,
with my whole heart,

and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

**you have delivered my soul
from the depths of the grave.**

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your maidservant.**

Hymn - VT #5

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

**2 Know that there is one God indeed,
who fashions us without our aid,
who claims us, gives us all we need,
whose tender care will never fade.**

**3 Enter the sacred gates with praise,
with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
as people whom the Spirit calls.**

**4 Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is forever sure,
whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From us and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

Hymn - VT #545 Here I Am, Lord

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in deepest sin,
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

[Chorus]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,

**I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?**

[Chorus]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame

I will call the poor by name

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide

'Til their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart

Hymn - VT #682

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you rightly, with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Neither have we loved our neighbors as we love ourselves, let alone with the generous love you have shown us.

We have failed and fallen short, in what we have done that we should not, and, perhaps more, in what we left undone that you have yearned for us to do, and in doing, to find and know more of you. Forgive us through Jesus, release us from the clinging attachment to unworthy fears and desires, and repair and heal us for your new creation.

Assurance of Grace

Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your maidservant.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God,
with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul
from the depths of the grave.
You, O Lord,
are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Hymn – “My Petition Heed” (Psalm 86)

**1 Lord, my petition heed,
Answer Thou me;
Now help me in my need,
My Savior be.
I am Thy servant, Lord,
My trust is in Thy word,
Mercy to me afford, I cry to Thee.**

**2 Comfort Thy servant now,
From heav'n above,
While at Thy throne I bow,
For Thou art love.
Thy pardoning grace is free;
Sinners who call on Thee
Thy tender mercy see, O God above.**

**3 Lord, hear me from above,
Thy holy place,
While now in trouble's day,
I seek Thy face.
To answer, Lord, is Thine;
Thou only art divine,
Most bright Thy glories shine,
O God of grace.**

**4 By all whom Thou hast made,
Receive our laud;
Be praise and worship paid,
Through earth abroad;
Thy Name be glorified,
There is none great beside,
Matchless Thy works abide,
Thou alone art God.**

Scripture - Psalm 86:1-10

1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God;

3 be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant,

for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all

who call on you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my cry of supplication.

7 In the day of my trouble I call on you,

for you will answer me.

8 There is none like you among the gods,

O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

9 All the nations you have made shall come

and bow down before you, O Lord,

and shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great and do wondrous

things; you alone are God.

Scripture - Romans 6:1-11

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just

as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be

enslaved to sin. **7** For whoever has died is freed from sin. **8** But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** So

you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Scripture - Matthew 10:24-39

24“ A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

34“Do not think that I have come to bring

peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and whoever does not take

up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Sermon – “Preparing to Proclaim”

Kevin Nice

Congregational Response

Sharing Praises and Petitions

Prayers of the Church

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 – HWB #396

The Work is Thine, O Christ

1 The work is Thine, O Christ, our Lord,

The cause for which we stand;

And being Thine, 'twill overcome

Its foes on every hand.

Yet grains of wheat, before they grow,

Are buried in the earth below;

All that is old doth perish there,

To form a life both new and fair;

So too are we

From self and sin made free.

**2 Thro' suffering Thou, O Christ, did go
Unto Thy throne above;
And ledest now the self same way
Those true in faith and love;
So lead us, then, though suff'rings wait,
To share Thy kingdom's heav'nly state,
Thy death has broken Satan's might,
And leads the faithful to the light;
Eternal light,
From darkness into light.**

**3 Thou hast, O Savior, led the way
Thro' agony and death;
O give, we pray, yet more and more
Thy Spirit's living breath;
Send messengers o'er land and sea
To bring Thy children all to Thee;
Thy name can save, Thy name makes free;
We consecrate ourselves to Thee
As servants true,
As workers, brave and true.**

Benediction