

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship (*Psalms 67:4-7*)

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

**let all the ends of the earth revere
God!**

Hymn - HWB #641, "O Day of Rest"

**1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.**

**2 On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a three-fold light was giv'n.**

**3 Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.**

**4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.**

**Hymn - HWB #110,
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.**

**4 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;**

**his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.**

**5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.**

Hymn - VT#536,

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

“Come unto me and rest.

Lay down, O weary one,

lay down your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was,

so weary, worn, and sad.

I found in him a resting place,

and he has made me glad.

**2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.**

**My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am the dawning light.**

**Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till trav’ling days are done.**

Confession & Assurance

(from St. Augustine)

Late have I loved you, Beauty so old and so new,
late have I loved you.

You waited within me while I was in the world
and sought you in the world,
**and in my unlovely soul I plunged into those
lovely created things which you made.**

You were with me, and I was not with you.
**The lovely things kept me far from you,
though they all owed their existence to you.**

You called and cried out loud
and shattered my deafness.

**You were radiant and flashing,
you put to flight my blindness.**

You were fragrant, and I inhaled,
and now pant after you.

**I tasted you, and I feel but hunger
and thirst for you.**

You touched us,
and we burn for the peace You are.

Hymn - VT# 552, "As a Deer in Want"

**1 As a deer in want of water
So I long for you, O Lord.
All my heart and being falter,
Thirsting for your living Word.
When shall I behold your face?
When shall I receive your grace?
When shall I your praises voicing,
Come before you with rejoicing?**

**2 Bitter tears of lamentation
Are my food by night and day.
In my deep humiliation,
"Where is now your God?" they say.
When my sorrows weigh on me,
Then I bring to memory,
How with throngs I would assemble,
Shouting praises in your temple.**

**3 Why, my soul, are you so shaken?
Why does fear within you burn?
Hope will once again awaken,
Peace of mind will soon return.
Then, O God, for all my days,
I will lift my voice in praise,
You have shown your help and favor,
For you are my God and Savior.**

Scripture – Psalm 42

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

how I would go with the throng and lead them
in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you

from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.
By day the LORD commands his steadfast
love, and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
I say to God, my rock:
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”
As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

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 - VT#555,
“Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing”**

1 Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing
into thy holy likeness to grow,
thirsting for more and deeper communion,
yearning thy love more fully to know.

Refrain:

**Open the wells of grace and salvation,
pour the rich streams deep into my heart.
Cleanse and refine my thought and affection,
seal me and make me pure as thou art.**

2 Dead to the world would I be, O Savior,
dead unto sin, alive unto thee.
Crucify all the earthly within me,
emptied of sin and self may I be.

Refrain:

**Open the wells of grace and salvation,
pour the rich streams deep into my heart.
Cleanse and refine my thought and affection,
seal me and make me pure as thou art.**

3 I would be thine and serve thee forever,
filled with thy Spirit, lost in thy love.

Come to my heart, Lord, come with anointing,
showers of grace send down from above.

Refrain:

**Open the wells of grace and salvation,
pour the rich streams deep into my heart.
Cleanse and refine my thought and affection,
seal me and make me pure as thou art.**

Benediction (Psalm 67:1-3)

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that God's way may be known on earth,
his saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**