

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP - (VT #854)

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus. **People: We come to learn.**

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you today,

O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

All: Grant us your

peace. Amen.

Hymn - Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Since I laid my burden down! (2x)

Friends don't treat me like they used to,

Since I laid my burden down! (2x)

But peace done found me,

whispered sweet hope,

Since I laid my burden down. (2x)

Wanna shake hands with my neighbors,

Since I laid my burden down. (2x)

I'm going home to be with Jesus

Since I laid my burden down! (2x)

Hymn - VT #328 Mary, Woman Weeping

Mary, woman weeping near the cruel cross
Overwhelmed by sorrow, death, and bitter
loss,
Saw the child she brought to birth,
her beloved son,
Bruised, despised, abandoned, broken one.

Mary's love for Jesus kept her at his side
Sharing in his suffering till, at last, he died.
Now she stands with all who weep,
all who suffer scorn:
Exiles, hungry, homeless, all who mourn.

She who knew injustice - power to strike
and kill

Sees our world of violence, sees and grieves it
still.

Let us stand with Mary then,
stand with those oppressed,
Mirror God's compassion: love expressed.

Hymn - VT #208 With Mary Sing Magnificat

With Mary sing magnificat;
with Miriam dance in praise
With prophet Anna speak a word
of faith in joy ablaze
For love and mercy shall prevail;

No need shall be ignored;
The lost shall find their home again
and every hope restored.

The one who honored Rizpah's stand
Against a king's decree
and bolstered clever midwives plans
To foil brutality
Remains through conflict, doubt, and
fear

Our Advocate and Friend;
Each grief and loss shall be redeemed
Each painful wound shall mend.

With confidence we may proclaim
Love's liberating pow'r,

Bear witness to the saving grace
Still with us ev'ry hour,
and sing with thanks, delight, and praise
A new yet ancient song;
Together sing magnificat
With voices clear and strong.

Prayer of Grace - VT #1007

God, give me grace
To accept with serenity the things
That cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
That should be changed,
And the wisdom to distinguish
The one from the other.

Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to
peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that you will make
All things right,
If I surrender to your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this
life
And supremely happy with you forever
in the next. Amen.

Hymn - VT 133 My Jesus, I Love Thee

1 My Jesus, I love thee,
I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer,
my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2 I love thee because thou
hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon
on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing
the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3 In mansions of glory
and endless delight,

I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering
crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Luke 1:46-55 Mary's Song of Praise

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness

of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;

**he has scattered the proud in the
thoughts of**

their hearts.

**52 He has brought down the powerful from
their**

thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our

**ancestors, to Abraham and to his
descendants**

forever.”

Reflection – Marcia Nice

Congregational Response

Sharing Praises and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of God’s People

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 - O Mary Don't You Weep

O Mary, don't you weep, don't you mourn.
(2x)

Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?

O Mary, don't you weep.

Some o' these mornings bright and far,

Take my wings, gonna cleave the air

Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?

O Mary, don't you weep.

(refrain)

O Mary, don't you weep, don't you mourn.
(2x)

Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?

O Mary, don't you weep.

When I get to heaven gonna sing and shout,

Nobody there gonna turn me out.

Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?

O Mary, don't you weep.

(refrain)

O Mary, don't you weep, don't you mourn.

(2x)

Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?

O Mary, don't you weep.

When I get to heaven gonna put on my shoes,

Run about Glory 'n tell all the news.

Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?

O Mary don't you weep.

(refrain)

O Mary, don't you weep, don't you mourn.

(2x)

Didn't Pharoah's army get drowned?

O Mary, don't you weep.

SENDING - VT #1068

Eternal God,

You call us to ventures

Of which we cannot see the ending,

By paths as yet untrodden,

Through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage,

Not knowing where we go,

But only that your hand is leading us,

And your love supporting us,

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.