

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. As your children we yearn for your love, seek your mercy, and want to dwell in your presence always. Help us today in our worship, that we might seek you with our whole heart and be transparent before you, as you reveal yourself to each one of us.  
Amen.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, out of your busy lives  
to a quiet time and place

**Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

Come, and rest in the Lord  
who will restore your souls.

**Our lives need moments of rest.**

Come and find the quiet center.  
Come, be at peace.

**Praise God who offers us a shelter and  
resting place. AMEN.**

## **HYMN - HWB #5 There is a Place of Quiet Rest**

1 There is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.

2 There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.

3 There is a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.

## **HYMN - HWB #338 I Know Not Why**

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
to me he hath made known,  
nor why, with mercy, Christ in love  
redeemed me for his own.

But I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day.

I know not how this saving faith  
to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his word

wrought peace within my heart.

But I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day.

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
convincing us of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word,  
creating faith in him.

But I know whom I have believed,



and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day.

I know not when my Lord may come,  
at night or noon-day fair,  
nor if I'll walk the vale with him,  
or meet him in the air.

But I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day.

## **HYMN - HWB #344 I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

1 I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free.

**Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!**  
**With his blood he purchased me;**  
**on the cross he sealed my pardon,**  
**paid the debt, and made me free.**

2 I will tell the wondrous story,  
how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy,  
he the ransom freely gave.

**Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!**  
**With his blood he purchased me;**  
**on the cross he sealed my pardon,**  
**paid the debt, and made me free.**

3 I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
His triumph power I'll tell  
How the victory he giveth  
Over sin and death and hell.

**Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!**

**With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.**

4 I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his heavenly love for me;  
he from death to life has brought me,  
Son of God, with him to be.

**Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!**

**With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.**

# **CONFESSION OF SIN (Read in Unison)**

**Maker and giver of all,**

**forgive us when we are too preoccupied  
to notice your presence in our lives:  
when we walk through this world  
and fail to see the wonder  
of you upholding our lives and all creation;  
when we walk through our lives  
and fail to see you abiding with, within,  
and around us;  
when we walk through holy moments  
and fail to savor your presence,  
instead feeling abandoned  
in the vast sweep of life**

**as each day rushes at us**

**with its demands.**

**Open our eyes to your presence, God of  
love,**

**that we may lean on you—**

**for you uphold all of creation**

**in tenderness and power. Amen.**

**Hymn - HWB #259**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **SCRIPTURE - GENESIS 1:26-28**

**26 Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth[d] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”**

**27 So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.**



**28 God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”**

## **SCRIPTURE - John 3:1-16**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is

flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you[f] do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

# **SERMON - Laura Kelly**

## **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 - HWB #356**

### **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God  
til I am wholly thine,  
til all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.



## **SENDING**

As you leave this place,

lift up your eyes to the Lord!

The One who sent Jesus Christ,

as salvation for all the world,

will never desert you.

The Lord will keep your going out

and your coming in, from this time on,

and forevermore.

Go now in peace, with God's blessing.