

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, everything you do reveals your glory and majesty. Open our eyes to see what you are doing in our lives. Let us marvel at your good gifts and your wise provision. Your acts are amazing Lord. We can not comprehend the number of blessings you pour out on us from day to day. As we gather today before you, we pray that you would fill our hearts, our minds and our souls. Transform us Lord, and make us more like you. You have forgiven our sins. You have rescued us from death. You have crowned us with love and tender mercies. Renew our strength and refresh our souls. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Break open our hearts this morning
to hear your word, O God.**

**Let our fears be vanquished,
our spirits restored!**

Come and let us worship with great joy!

**Let us drop the things of the past
which weighed us down!**

**God is about to do something new in our
lives! Let God's will become strong in our
lives. Amen.**

HYMN - VT#10 HERE IN THIS PLACE

**Here in this place, the new light is
streaming, now are the shadows vanished
away.**

**See, in this space, our fears and our
dreamings, brought here to you in the light
of this day.**

**Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather
us in - our spirits inflame.**

**Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of
history, called to be light to the whole
human race.**

**Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.**

**Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine of compassion,
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here we become the people you fashion,
children of God, to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine ever flowing,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and guide us in growing
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not just in buildings, dim and confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the dawning and now is the day.**

**Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.**

**Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

HYMN - VT#715 LONGING FOR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to You

Make us Your own, Your holy people

Light for the world to see

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled

Longing for hope, many despair

Your word alone has pow'r to save us

Make us your living voice

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

**Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst
Make us your bread, broken for others
shared until all are fed.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today!**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**We confess you are the Christ, O Lord,
but we are weak and prone to wander.
Clear us from hidden faults, O God,
from only caring about ourselves,
to indifference for others wellbeing.**

**Look graciously on our remorse,
and lead us to return from evil,
and to follow behind you again.
We offer ourselves and our lives,
to be cleansed and renewed.**

As we drink from your cup, O Lord,
assure us again of your forgiveness
through the blood of Christ.

**Accept our grateful pledge to follow you
in serving and forgiving others,
and grant your Spirit to fulfill it.**

As we break your bread, O Lord,
nourish us again with strength to take up
your cross as our own, and follow you,
**to live and die as your body for your
kingdom. Amen.**

Hymn - VT #570

When We Walk With The Lord

1 When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

2 Ev'ry burden we bear,
ev'ry sorrow we share,
all our toil he doth richly repay.
Even grief, pain, and loss
as we carry a cross
will be blessed as we trust and obey.

Refrain:

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

3 But we never can prove
the delights of his love,
until all on the altar we lay,
for the favor he shows,
and the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

4 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way.

What he says we will do,
where he sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain:

**Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

SCRIPTURE - JOHN 12:26-28

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

SCRIPTURE - JOHN 13:20-22

Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.'

Jesus Foretells His Betrayal

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, 'Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking.

SCRIPTURE - JOHN 14:1-3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

SCRIPTURE - LUKE 22:39-46

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why

are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

SCRIPTURE - JOHN 16:31-33

Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

SERMON - JONATHAN ROBIE

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 - VT #461, COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE
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.

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.

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.

**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.**

**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.**

COMMUNION PRAYER - VT#944

Leader: May God be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is good to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy One.

With your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name

and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Great Thanksgiving)

Leader: And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(Prayer for the Work of the Spirit)

Leader: We praise you, all-holy God,
The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,
Today, tomorrow and forever. Amen!

All: Amen!

(Share the peace of Christ)

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: 1 Corinthians 10:16 NRSV

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

Leader: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NRSV

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

(Share the Bread and Cup)

HYMN - VT #239, HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love,

Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;

He came down that we may have peace;

He came down that we may have peace,

Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;

He came down that we may have joy;

He came down that we may have joy,

Hallelujah forevermore.

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.