

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, we gather together today to give you thanks and praise your greatness. We praise your mighty works to the whole world. We praise you for your wonderful deeds. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, your love is never failing. You promised that you will never leave or forsake us. Let us worship you in spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

INVOCATION HYMN - VT #57

HOLY SPIRIT COME WITH POWER

Holy Spirit, come with power,
breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour,
waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful, we are ailing,
we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation,
give us vigor, life anew.

Holy Spirit, come with fire,
burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir
sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness
and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation,
give us gladness from above.

Holy Spirit, bring your message,
burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living
till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness,
lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation
and inspire us with your word.

SCRIPTURE - PSALM 138:1-8

**1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole
heart;**

before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down toward your holy temple

**and give thanks to your name for your
steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your
word
above everything.**

**3 On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.**

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you,

O LORD,

**for they have heard the words of your
mouth.**

**5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

**6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the
lowly;**

**but the haughty he perceives from far
away.**

**7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my
enemies; you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.**

8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

**your steadfast love, O LORD, endures
forever.**

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

HYMN - VT#90 Masithi: Amen (Sing Amen)

Xhosa lyrics:

Amen siyakudumisa (masithi)

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Amen, Bawo; Amen Bawo;

Amen siyakudumisa. (masithi)

English lyrics:

Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.

(sing 'amen')

Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.

(sing 'amen')

Amen, amen

Amen, amen

Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.

(sing 'amen')

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and righteous God,
we are overwhelmed by the miracles
of new life and forgiveness that you offer.

When our awe turns to disbelief,
renew us with your joy.

When our fear turns to rejection,
lead us into your presence.

When our stumbling leads to sin,
forgive us by your grace,
and direct our steps
in your paths of righteousness.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Beloved, we are God's children now.

Because we have this hope,
we are forgiven and purified.

We are made one with Christ and brought
into the righteousness of God.

HYMN - WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD (VT#91)

**1 We praise thee, O God,
for the Son of thy love,
for Jesus who died,
and is now gone above.**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
hallelujah! Amen!**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

**2 We praise thee, O God,
for thy Spirit of light
who has shown us our Savior
and scattered our night.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

**3 We praise thee, O God,
for the joy thou hast giv'n
to thy saints in communion,
these foretastes of heav'n.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

**4 Revive us again,
fill each heart with thy love.**

**May each soul be rekindled
with fire from above.**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
hallelujah! Amen!**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

SCRIPTURE - II CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Living by Faith

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

SCRIPTURE - MARK 3:20-35 NRSV

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never

have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

HYMN - VT #398

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

SERMON - JONATHAN LARSON

HYMN - HERE I AM, LORD (VT #545)

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**

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 #778

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,

Speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

SENDING VT# 1055

Go, knowing you are beloved of God.
Go, praising God
for the good news of Jesus Christ.
Go, living the message
of God's grace, peace, and love. Amen.