

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

## **August 25, 2024**



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God.**

**Lord, be with us this day.**

**Calm and soothe our souls.**

**Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

**I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.**

I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

**I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.**

I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

**The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.**

Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

**I place my confidence and trust in God  
always. AMEN.**

**HYMN - HWB #143 Amazing Grace**

**1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers,  
toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,**

**and grace will lead me home.**

**4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.**

**5 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.**

**6 When we've been there 10,000 years  
bright shining as the sun  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.**

**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.**



## **HYMN - HWB #401 This Little Light Of Mine**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine**

**Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it  
shine,**

**Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it  
shine**

**Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it  
shine**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine**

**Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it  
shine**

**Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it  
shine**

**Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it  
shine**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Shine all over Durham County! I'm gonna let it  
shine**

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shine**

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shine**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it  
shine!**

**Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it  
shine!**

**Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it  
shine!**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

## **Litany - What Has God Promised?**

L: What has God promised?

**P: To always be with us.**

L: What are we called to do?

**P: To sing God's praises,**

**God's faithful love for us.**

L: Life is tough these days.

**P: But God is with us.**

L: Storms and terrors threaten us at every turn. Who will protect us?

**P: God will protect us, as God promised.**

L: Who gives us the courage to stand in the face of tribulation?

**P: Jesus Christ has given the witness by the gift of his own life.**

L: What bond is there for us?

**P: It is the bond of Christ's own love, the gift of his own self for our lives.**

L: No matter what may threaten, God is with us.

**P: Hallelujah! Amen.**

L: We will rest in the Savior and place our hope in him alone!

**P: Hallelujah! Amen.**

## **HYMN - HWB #528 I Stand Amazed**

**I stand amazed in the presence**

**Of Jesus the Nazarene,**

**And wonder how He could love me,**

**A sinner condemned, unclean.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**For me it was in the garden,**

**He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."**

**He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**



**He took my sins and my sorrows,**

**He made them His very own;**

**He bore the burden to Calv'ry,**

**And suffered, and died alone.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**When with the ransomed in glory**

**His face I at last shall see,**

**'Twill be my joy through the ages**

**To sing of His love for me.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

## **SCRIPTURE - I Thessalonians 5:4-11**

**But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and**

**build up each other, as indeed you are  
doing.**

## **SCRIPTURE - I Peter 5:6-10**

**Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.**

## **SCRIPTURE - Ephesians 6:10-20**

### **The Whole Armour of God**

**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the**

**breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.**

**With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.**

## **SERMON - “Stand Firm” - Kevin Nice**

- 1. Be strong in the Lord**
- 2. Put on the whole armour of God**
- 3. Take your stand**
- 4. Stay Alert**
- 5. Keep praying**

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

## **SHARING PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS**



# **PRAYERS FOR 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 #398 I Love To Tell The Story**

**I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory,  
of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.**

**I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story,  
'tis pleasant to repeat,**

**What seems each time I tell it  
more wonderfully sweet;  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word.**

**I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest;  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new, new song,**

**'Twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.**

**I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.**

## **SENDING**

**God is always with you.**

**Even when times get difficult  
and the way is not clear,**

**God is truly by your side.**

**Rest in God's strength and love.**

**Serve God with joy.**

**Go in peace. AMEN.**