

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, As we stand in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Father, we declare that we love you. Thank you that you have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today as we gather to worship. Lead us by your Spirit to praise you. May our hearts always overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim your everlasting greatness and faithfulness. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 57:9-11)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is
as high as the heavens;

Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

HYMN - VT #30 Jesus Calls Us

**1 Jesus calls us here to meet him as,
through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where Christ's people live and care.**

**Praise the God who keeps his promise ;
praise the Son who calls us friends ;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.**

**2 Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.**

**Tell his holy human story ;
tell his tales that all may hear ;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.**

**3 Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are ;
race and color,
class and gender neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger ;
join the hands of age and youth ;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.**

**HYMN - VT #28 Come, Christians, Join to
Sing**

1 Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia, Amen!

Loud praise to Christ we bring,

Alleluia, Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before His throne rejoice;

praise is His gracious choice,

Alleluia, Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia, Amen!

Let praises fill the sky,

Alleluia, Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend,

On whom we can depend;

His love shall never end,

Alleluia, Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again,

Alleluia, Amen!

Life shall not end the strain,

Alleluia, Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

His goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore,

"Alleluia, Amen!"

HYMN - VT #90 Masithi: Amen

Amen, siyakudumisa (masithi)

Amen, siyakudumisa (masithi)

Amen, Bawo; Amen Bawo;

Amen siyakudumisa. (masithi)

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')

Prayer of Confession

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and

**bring me out of my distress.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or
my transgressions; according to your
steadfast love remember me, for your
goodness' sake, O Lord! For your name's
sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am
lonely and afflicted. Consider my affliction
and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
O guard my life, and deliver me; do not let
me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.**

Assurance of Grace

Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**HYMN - VT#608 O Love That Will Not Let
Me Go**

1 O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.

I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

SCRIPTURE - Exodus 16:14-31

14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. **15** When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. **16** This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.’ ” **17** The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. **18** But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered

little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. 19 And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." 20 But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. 21 Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

22 On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers apiece. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, 23 he said to them, “This is what the Lord has commanded:

‘Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord; bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning.’ ” 24 So they put it aside until morning, as Moses commanded them; and it did not become foul, and there were no worms in it. 25 Moses said, “Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the Lord; today you will not find it in the field. 26 Six days you shall gather it; but on the

seventh day, which is a sabbath, there will be none.”

27 On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, and they found none.

28 The Lord said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and instructions? 29 See! The Lord has given you the sabbath, therefore on the sixth day he gives you food for two days; each of you stay where you are; do not leave your place on the seventh day.” 30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

SCRIPTURE - Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—

though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

SCRIPTURE - Lamentations 3:21-26

21 But this I call to mind,

and therefore I have hope:

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,

“therefore I will hope in him.”

25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul that seeks him.

**26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.**

SERMON - GLENN DETWEILER

“But God is Faithful” (Lamentations 3:22-
23)

HYMN - VT #419 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail
not

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide

Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

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 - VT #162 The Love Of God

1 The love of God is greater far
than tongue or pen can ever tell;
it goes beyond the highest star,
and reaches to the lowest hell.

The wand'ring child is reconciled
by God's beloved Son.

The aching soul again made whole,
and priceless pardon won.

Refrain:

**O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
the saints' and angels' song.**

2 When ancient time shall pass away,
and human thrones and kingdoms fall;
when those who here refuse to pray
on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
all measureless and strong;
grace will resound the whole earth round—
the saints' and angels' song.

Refrain:

**O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
the saints' and angels' song.**

3 Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made;
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
and ev'ryone a scribe by trade;
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain:

**O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
the saints' and angels' song.**

SENDING - #1054 VT

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always. Amen.