

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come humbly and gratefully to worship today. A place where we worship what cannot be seen, choose to participate in a living mystery, and try with all the Spirit's help to allow transformation of our lives, our church and our world. This is a place where we try, with all of the Spirit's grace, to risk letting go of familiar ways in order to believe, receive, and love anew. Come, Holy Spirit, come and renew a right spirit within us. In Jesus' name we pray, 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 wants to do something new in our
lives! Let God's will become strong in our
lives. Amen.**

SONG - COME AND GO WITH ME

**Come and go with me to that promised
house,**

To that promised house,

to that promised house.

**Come and go with me to that promised
house,**

Where there's joy, joy, joy!

2.It's not very far, to that promised house.

To that promised house,

to that promised house.

It's not very far to that promised house,

Where there's joy, joy, joy!

3. There is room for all, in that promised house.

In that promised house,

In that promised house.

There is room for all in that promised house,

Where there's joy, joy, joy!

4. There's a feast of love, waiting in that house.

Waiting in that house, waiting in that house.

**There's a feast of love waiting in that
house,**

Where there's joy, joy, joy!

HYMN - VT #137 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!
God, the uncreated
God who always was,
endlessly exalted, reign forever more.

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!

Mighty wondrous, loving,

circled round with awe;
holy, holy, holy
holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!

HYMN - VT #584 JESUS, BE THE CENTER

Jesus, be the center
Be my source, be my light, Jesus

(Chorus)

**Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus**

Jesus, be the center
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus

(Chorus)

**Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus**

Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide, Jesus

(Chorus)

**Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus**

Jesus, be the center
Be my source, be my light, Jesus

(Chorus)

**Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus.
Be my source, be my light
Jesus.....Jesus....Jesus.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, our God

you give life to us all

you help those who come to you

you give hope to those who cry to you.

Forgive our sins, secret and open,

and rid us of every habit and thought

that stands against the gospel.

Set our hearts at peace,

so we may live our lives before you

confidently without fear,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 6:19-24

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to

**the one and despise the other. You cannot
serve God and wealth.**

SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which

is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

SCRIPTURE - 1 PETER 5:1-11

Tending the Flock of God

5 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you **2** to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain but eagerly. **3** Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. **4** And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. **5** In the same way, you who are younger must be subject to the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your

dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud

but gives grace to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 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. 10 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. 11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON – JONATHAN ROBIE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SHARING PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER 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.**

LITURGY OF COMMUNION

Leader:

Friends, as we gather to share in this sacred meal, we stand in awe of the mystery and grace before us. When we bless the cup, we are sharing in the blood of Christ. And when we break the bread, we are sharing in the body of Christ. Whether Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female - we are one body, because we all share in this one bread.

**Congregation: Yes, we are one body,
united in Christ.**

Leader:

Let us pray together as we prepare our hearts: **Lord our God, we thank you for allowing us to partake of your holy, pure, immortal, and heavenly mysteries. Make this bread the precious Body of Christ, and this cup the precious Blood of Christ, transforming them by your Holy Spirit.**

Congregation: Lord, we give you glory, along with your eternal Father and your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Let us now partake of the bread and the cup, in reverence and gratitude for the love that Christ has shown us, proclaiming His death, and celebrating His life among us.

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes again.

Congregation: We remember your sacrifice, Lord Jesus. We proclaim your death, and we await your return.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you offered yourself on the cross as the perfect sacrifice, and you offer yourself to us now in this holy meal. We worship you and give you glory, along with your eternal Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord, for your body and blood, given for us. Help us to live as one in you.

GATHERING FOR COMMUNION

SONG - AII, YES, ALL OF MY SPRINGS, LORD

1. All, yes, all of my springs, Lord,

All my springs are in you.

All my springs are in you.

2. All, yes, all of my hope, Lord.

All, my hope is in you.

All, my hope is in you.

3. All, yes, all of my strength, Lord

All my strength lies in you.

All my strength lies in you.

SONG - LOVE LIFTED ME

Love lifted me. Love lifted me.

When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me.

HYMN - SANTO, SANTO, SANTO #136 VT

Santo, santo, santo,

mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir:

santo eres, Señor.

Holy, holy, holy,

my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words:

you are holy, Lord.

CLOSING HYMN - VT #812

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,

our true faith confessing,

the people of God

from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended.

Oh, now be extended

the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching,

receptive souls reaching,

shall blossom in action for God and for all.

**Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom
and answer your call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children,
the whole human race.**

**With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living**

**with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ
and his name that we bear.**

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.