

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of possibilities,
fill us with your hope and faithfulness.

**Listen to us
as we pour out our souls before you.**

Grant us the grace to be your people
and to live your teachings.

**Live in us,
that we may arise with hope and walk in
love.**

**In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray.
Amen.**

HYMN - VT#49 ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

**All who are thirsty
And all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the streams of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing
Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come**

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And all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the streams of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come**

HYMN - VT#540

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?**

Will you let my love be shown?

Will you let my Name be known?

**Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the prisoner free
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'You' you hide
if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch
and sound in you and you in me?**

**Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

HYMN - VT#596 DON'T BE AFRAID

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger.

My love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger

And I have promised,

promised to be always near.

CALL TO CONFESSION

By dying on the cross for us, Christ has perfected us for all time. Let us approach this time of confession with true hearts, in full assurance that Christ's mercy is strong enough to bear all of our burdens.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God,
look upon us, your servants gathered here,
with grace and compassion.
Hear our every need.
Speak to our fearful hearts,
that we may pour out our confessions
and admit our wrongdoings.

(Silent prayer)

**Loving God,
you have heard our anxieties,
our vexations, our worries,
our hopes, our dreams.
Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness,
that we may receive your grace,
and may walk in freedom and glorious hope.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.

There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

**The Lord is patient and kind,
generous and good.**

God will not forsake you or leave you.

**Turn to the Lord with confidence
and put your faith in God's great mercy.**

**By the power of Jesus Christ,
we are made whole. Amen.**

**SHARING FROM THE VIRGINIA
MENNONITE WOMEN'S RETREAT -
Embracing God's Story: A Journey of
Faith, Trust and Renewal**

MARCIA NICE

HYMN - VT #133 My Jesus, I Love Thee

**My Jesus, I love thee,
I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer,
my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love thee because thou
hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon**

**on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing
the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory
and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering
crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

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 #832 THE LORD LIFT YOU UP

**The Lord lift you up,
the Lord take your hand,
the Lord lead you forth,
and cause you to stand,
secure in God's word, seeking God's face,
abounding in love, abiding in grace.**

SENDING

**You have been made free by the love of
God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go into
the world to serve God by helping others.
Be at peace and bring God's peace and
love with you wherever you go. AMEN.**