

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. As your children we yearn for your love, seek your mercy, and want to dwell in your presence always. Help us today in our worship, that we might seek you with our whole heart and be transparent before you, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, out of your busy lives  
to a quiet time and place

**Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

Come, and rest in the Lord  
who will restore your souls.

**Our lives need moments of rest.**

Come and find the quiet center.  
Come, be at peace.

**Praise God who offers us a shelter and  
resting place. AMEN.**

## **HYMN - HWB #5**

### **There is a Place of Quiet Rest**

**There is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God.**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God,**

**a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God.**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee,  
near to the heart of God.**

### **HYMN - HWB #258 Man of Sorrow**

**Man of sorrows what a name  
for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**

**He was lifted up to die;  
"It is finished" was his cry;  
now in heaven exalted high:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**

**When he comes, our glorious King,  
all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!**

## **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.**

## **SCRIPTURE - Psalm 71:1-6**

**In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

## **SCRIPTURE - JEREMIAH 1:4-10**

**Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I**

knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

## **SCRIPTURE - LUKE 4:21-30**

**21** Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” **22** All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” **23** He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” **24** And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. **25** But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; **26** yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. **27** There

were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

**28** When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. **29** They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. **30** But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**MESSAGE - KEVIN NICE**

**“The Wideness of God’s Mercy”**

**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.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

At the table of Christ, we eat this bread and drink this cup to remember the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, to be united with Christ and with one another as the church, and to look toward a time when all will be one.

As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, Jesus Christ is present with us and we are empowered by the Spirit to follow Jesus' way of love as the body of Christ, broken and blessed for the life of the world.

As John baptized Jesus in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit baptized the body of Christ. God now gathers us at this table as the body of Christ to hear the voice of heaven, spoken



over the waters of baptism, saying, “You are my beloved.”

**Water, bread, and wine,  
The gifts of the earth,  
The gifts of the church,  
Reveal that we belong  
With God and one another.**

In wonder, we remember the life Jesus lived, laid down, and took up again for us.

**Send your Spirit upon us, O God, so that the bread we break and the cup we share may be the communion of the body of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us, so that we can live, conformed to Christ. Amen.**

## **GATHER TOGETHER FOR COMMUNION (HYMN - COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE)**

**Come to the table of grace.**

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**This is God's table;  
it's not yours or mine.**

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat of my body, broken for you. Partake of it together, and so remember me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people. Drink it together, and so remember me.”

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE - GOD IS SO GOOD**

**God is so good. God is so good.  
God is so good. He's so good to me!**

## **Let Us Pray Together...**

**Blessed are you, Eternal God,  
Through this Holy meal  
You have joined us to yourself  
And to one another.  
Blessed are you, Incarnate God;  
You have put your life into our hands;  
Now we put our lives into yours.  
Blessed are you, Breath of God;**

**As we go forth, set us free  
To follow where you lead. Amen.**

## **HYMN - HWB #303**

### **COME, GRACIOUS SPIRIT**

**Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above.**

**Come, be our guardian and our guide;  
o'er every thought and step preside,  
O'er every thought and step preside.**

**The light of truth to us display  
And make us know and choose your way  
Plant holy fear in every heart  
that we from God may ne'er depart  
that we from God may ne'er depart.**

**Lead us to Christ, the living Way,  
nor let us from his pastures stray.  
Lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God,  
that we must take to dwell with God.**

**Lead us to heav'n, that we may share  
fullness of joy forever there.  
Lead us to our eternal rest,  
to be with God forever bless'd,  
to be with God forever bless'd.**

## **SENDING - VT #1068**

**Eternal God,  
You call us to ventures  
Of which we cannot see the ending,  
By paths as yet untrodden,**

**Through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with courage,  
Not knowing where we go,  
But only that your hand is leading us,  
And your love supporting us,  
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**