

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, we gather together today to give you thanks and praise your greatness.

We praise your mighty works to the whole world. We praise you for your wonderful deeds. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, your love is never failing. You promised that you will never leave or forsake us. Let us worship you in spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 100

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his
pasture.**

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

5 For the Lord is good and his love endures

**forever; his faithfulness continues
through
all generations.**

HYMN - VT #660 THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.**

HYMN - O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE NOW

O Lord, we praise thee now. x3

We sing, Alleluia!' (repeat)

Be thou our rod and staff. x3

We sing, Alleluia! (repeat)

Enfold us in thy flock. 3x

We sing, Alleluia! (repeat)

For there is none like thee. 3x

We sing, Alleluia! (repeat)

HYMN - VT #574 WE SHALL WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY

**We shall walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,**

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

And if Jesus himself will be our leader,

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

**We shall meet our brother in the valley of
peace,**

We shall meet our sister in peace.

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no sorrowing there,

There will be no sorrowing there,

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

HYMN - VT #679 WOZA NOMTHWALO

WAKHO

**(COME, BRING YOUR BURDENS TO
GOD)**

**Come, bring your burdens, oh,
Come, bring your burdens to God,
Come bring your,
Come, bring your burdens,
Oh, come, bring your burdens
burdens to God
Come bring your burdens to God
for Jesus will never say
for Jesus will never say no."**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read in Unison)

**God of healing,
God of wholeness,
we bring our brokenness,
our sinfulness,
our fears
and despair,
and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing,
God of wholeness,
we hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls
to feel your touch,
and know the peace
that only you can bring.**

**God of healing,
God of wholeness,**

**this precious moment
in your presence and power
grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives
are made whole. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Praise to God who has given us life.

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Amen.

HYMN - VT #398 THY WORD IS A LAMP

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

When I feel afraid

Think I've lost my way

Still you're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear

As long as you are near

Please be near me to the end.

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

and a light unto my path

I will not forget

Your love for me and yet

My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide

And hold me to your side

I will love you to the end.

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

SCRIPTURE - ISAIAH 40:9-11

**9 Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”**

**10 See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.**

**11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.**

SCRIPTURE - PSALM 23:1-6

**1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not
want.**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths for his name's
sake.**

**4 Even though I walk through the darkest
valley,**

**I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort
me.**

**5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;**

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow

me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

SCRIPTURE - Mark 6:34-44

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they

said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

SERMON - JONATHAN ROBIE

HYMN - VT#584 JESUS, BE THE CENTER

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

**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 #834 THUMA MINA

Zulu:

**Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina, Somandla.**

English:

**1 Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus, send me Lord.**

**2 Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus,
lead me, Jesus, lead me Lord.**

**3 Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Jesus, fill me Lord.**

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. Do not be troubled but be at peace and bring God's peace and love with you wherever you go. AMEN.