

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**February 16, 2025**



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we gather in your presence today with open hearts and minds, ready to worship and praise your holy name. We ask that you bless this time of worship so that we may be uplifted and inspired by your presence. Fill us with your love and grace, and help us to honor you in all that we say and do. In Christ's name we pray.  
Amen.

## **Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God, O faithful ones.

**Give thanks and proclaim**

**God's holy name.**

Weeping or joyful, mourning or  
dancing,

come as you are, for all are welcome  
here.

**Open our hearts to healing, to life  
restored.**

Let us sing and worship together in  
this

place knowing God is near.

## **Hymn - HWB #651**

### **I Owe the Lord a Morning Song**

**1 I owe the Lord a morning song  
of gratitude and praise,  
for the kind mercy he has shown  
in length'ning out my days.**

**2 He kept me safe another night;  
I see another day.  
Now may his Spirit, as the light,  
direct me in his way.**

**3 Keep me from danger and from  
sin,  
help me thy will to do,  
so that my heart be pure within,  
and I thy goodness know.**

**4 Keep me til thou will call me  
hence,  
where never night can be,  
and save me, Lord, for Jesus' sake;  
he shed his blood for me.**

**Hymn - HWB #544**

**When We Walk With the Lord**

**When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his Word  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,**

**but to trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear,  
Not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil he doth richly repay;  
Not a grief, nor a loss,  
Not a frown nor a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.  
Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.**

**But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor he shows,  
and the joy he bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way**

**To be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.**

**Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go,  
Never fear, only trust and obey.  
Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.**

## **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**

## **Hymn - HWB #514**

### **Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly**

**Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing  
into thy holy likeness to grow,  
thirsting for more and deeper  
communion,**



**yearning thy love more fully to know.**

**Open the wells of grace and salvation,  
pour the rich streams deep into my  
heart.**

**Cleanse and refine  
my thought and affection,  
seal me and make me pure as thou art.**

**Dead to the world would I be, O Savior,  
dead unto sin, alive unto thee.**

**Crucify all the earthly within me,  
emptied of sin and self may I be.**

**Open the wells of grace and salvation,  
pour the rich streams deep into my  
heart.**

**Cleanse and refine**

**my thought and affection,  
seal me and make me pure as thou art.**

**I would be thine and serve thee forever,  
filled with thy Spirit, lost in thy love.**

**Come to my heart, Lord,  
come with anointing,  
showers of grace send down from above.**

**Open the wells of grace and salvation,  
pour the rich streams deep into my  
heart.**

**Cleanse and refine  
my thought and affection,  
seal me and make me pure as thou art.**

## **Scripture Readings:**

### **Psalm 1**

**1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

**2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

**3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

**4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

**5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

**6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**Thus says the LORD:  
Cursed are those who trust in mere  
mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the  
LORD.**

**6**

**They shall be like a shrub in the  
desert  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places  
of the wilderness, in an uninhabited  
salt land.**

**7**

**Blessed are those who trust in the  
LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.**

**8**

**They shall be like a tree planted by  
water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not  
anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.**

**9**

**The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?**

**10**

**I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their  
doings.**

## **Luke 6:17-26**

### *Jesus Teaches and Heals*

**<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were**

trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

### *Blessings and Woes*

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and

said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you,



and defame you on account of the Son of

Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you,

for that is what their ancestors did to the

**false prophets.**

**Message - Jackie Carroll  
“The Law of the Lord”**

**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.**

## **Sending Hymn - #421 Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

**1 Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds**

**is like to that above.**

**2 Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**

**3 We share our mutual woes,  
each other's woes, each other's  
burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.**

**4 When we assunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.**

**5 This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way;  
while each in expectation lives**

**and longs to see the day.**

**6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.**

## **Sending Words**

**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.**