

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**March 9, 2025**



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Heavenly Father, as 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 Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - (Psalm 105)**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**We proclaim here and now  
the marvelous works of our God!**

Let our hearts leap for joy, O people of God.

**We proclaim here and now  
the marvelous faithfulness of our God!**

God's ways are not our ways.

God's works are too wonderful to behold.

**We proclaim here and now  
the marvelous works of our God  
all the days of our lives!**

## **HYMN - HWB #345 GOD SENT HIS SON**

**God Sent His Son, They Called Him Jesus;  
He Came To Love, Heal And Forgive.  
He Lived And Died To Buy My Pardon;  
An Empty Grave Is There  
To Prove My Savior Lives.**

**Because He Lives**

**I Can Face Tomorrow**

**Because He Lives**

**All Fear Is Gone**

**Because I Know He Holds The Future**

**And Life Is Worth The Living**

**Just Because He Lives**

## **HYMN - HWB #528**

### **I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE**

**I stand amazed in the presence**

**Of Jesus the Nazarene,**

**And wonder how He could love me,**

**A sinner condemned, unclean.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**For me it was in the garden,**

**He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."**

**He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**He took my sins and my sorrows,**

**He made them His very own;**

**He bore the burden to Calv'ry,**

**And suffered, and died alone.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**When with the ransomed in glory**

**His face I at last shall see,**

**'Twill be my joy through the ages**

**To sing of His love for me.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**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.**

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Read in Unison)**

**Speak to us Living God,  
As you have spoken to our ancestors and  
Through the voices of your prophets  
The breath of your Spirit,  
And the life of your Son,  
So that we may live according to your  
word.**

**By the power of your Spirit  
Help us to hear your holy word  
That we may truly understand  
That, understanding, we may believe  
And believing we may follow  
In faithfulness and obedience,  
Seeking your honor and glory in all we do,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# **MAY GOD BLESS THE READING OF HIS WORD**

## **SCRIPTURE - LUKE 7:36-50**

**One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man**

were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.” Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “Speak.” “A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried

**them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.**

**Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”**

**MESSAGE - JONATHAN ROBIE**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**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 - HWB #425 COME, COME YE SAINTS**

**1 Come, come, ye saints,**

**no toil nor labor fear;**

**But with joy wend your way.**

**Though hard to you**

**the journey may appear,**



**Grace shall be as your day.  
We have a living Lord to guide  
and we can trust him to provide  
Do this, and joy your hearts will swell—  
All is well! All is well!**

**2 The world of care is  
with us ev'ry day  
let it not this obscure  
Here we can serve the  
Master on the way  
and in him be secure  
Gird up your loins  
fresh courage to take  
our God will never us forsake  
And so our song no fear can quell  
All is well! All is well!**

**3 We'll find the rest**

**which God for us prepared,  
When at last he will call,  
Where none will come  
to hurt or make afraid;  
he will reign overall.**

**We will make the air with music ring,  
Shout praise to God  
our Lord and King;  
Oh, how we'll make the chorus swell  
All is well! All is well!**

## **SENDING - VT #998**

**Everlasting God,  
In whom we live and move and have our  
being:**

**You have made us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless  
until they rest in you.**

**Give us purity of heart and strength of  
purpose,**

**That no selfish passion may hinder us  
from knowing your will,**

**no weakness keep us from doing it,**

**that in your light we may see clearly,**

**And in your service find perfect freedom,  
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit.**

**One God, now and forever. Amen.**