

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be God's children.

**God's love has been poured on us
through Jesus
Christ!**

Fear and doubt are gone!

Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**Let us offer our hearts and souls
to God in prayer and praise. AMEN.**

Hymn - VT#76 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning

our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim,
falling down before Thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinfulness
Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy,
there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymn - VT#436 How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God

When I, in awesome wonder

**Consider all the worlds Thy hands have
made**

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

**Thy power throughout the universe
displayed**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When through the woods

and forest glades I wander

and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees

**when I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur**

**and hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze.**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

**And when I think that God, His Son not
sparing**

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come,

with shout of acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration

And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou
art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Confession of Sin & Assurance

Holy and righteous one,
we are stunned by the miracles
of new life and forgiveness you offer.

When our awe turns to disbelief,
renew us with your joy.

When our fear turns to rejection,
lead us into your presence.

When our stumbling leads to sin,
forgive us by your grace,
and direct our steps
in your paths of righteousness.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance

Beloved, we are God's children now.

Because we have this hope,
we are forgiven and purified.

We are made one with Christ and brought
into the righteousness of God.

Hymn - VT#131 Praise, I Will Praise You Lord

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy.

Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.**

Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy.

Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy.

Alleluia!

Scriptures - Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**2 How long, you people, shall my honor suffer
shame?**

**How long will you love vain words, and seek
after**

lies? Selah

**3 But know that the Lord has set apart the
faithful**

for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

4 When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

**5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in
the**

Lord.

**6 There are many who say, “O that we might
see**

**some good! Let the light of your face shine on
us, O**

Lord!”

7 You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

**for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in
safety.**

Scripture - 1 John 3:1-7

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Scripture - Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Sermon – “He Said to Them” - Kevin Nice

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.

Hymn - VT#840 God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

SENDING

Go in courage and peace, proclaiming the Risen Lord to all! Be those who bring hope and justice to a hungry and hurting world! The peace of the Lord is with you now and forever. AMEN