

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we open our eyes,  
we see your glory, O God.

**Sun, moon, and stars  
proclaim your magnificence.**

When we open our ears,  
we hear your word, O God.

**The voice of creation  
reaches the ends of the earth.**

When we open our hearts,  
we receive your truth, O God.

**You fill us with joy and light forever.**

When we open ourselves,  
we praise your holy name.

**Praise God's holy name!**

## **HYMN - HWB #99 We Praise Thee, O God**

**1 We praise thee, O God,  
for the Son of thy love,  
for Jesus who died,  
and is now gone above.**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
hallelujah! Amen!**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
revive us again.**

**2 We praise thee, O God,  
for thy Spirit of light  
who has shown us our Savior  
and scattered our night.**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
hallelujah! Amen!**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
revive us again.**

**3 We praise thee, O God,  
for the joy thou hast giv'n  
to thy saints in communion,  
these foretastes of heav'n.  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
hallelujah! Amen!  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
revive us again.**

**4 Revive us again,  
fill each heart with thy love.  
May each soul be rekindled  
with fire from above.  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
hallelujah! Amen!  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
revive us again.**

**HYMN - HWB #598 A Wonderful Savior Is  
Jesus**

**1 A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,  
a wonderful Savior to me.**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,  
where rivers of pleasure I see.**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.**

**He hideth my life in the depths of his love,  
and covers me there with his hand,  
and covers me there with his hand.**

**2 A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord;  
he taketh my burden away.**

**He holdeth me up, and I shall not be  
moved;**

**he giveth me strength as my day.**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.**

**He hideth my life in the depths of his love,  
and covers me there with his hand,  
and covers me there with his hand.**

**3 With numberless blessings  
each moment he crowns,  
and filled with his fullness divine,**

**I sing in my rapture, "Oh, glory to God  
for such a Redeemer as mine!"**

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.**

**He hideth my life in the depths of his love,  
and covers me there with his hand,  
and covers me there with his hand.**

**4 When clothed in his brightness,  
transported I rise  
to meet him in clouds of the sky,  
his perfect salvation, his wonderful love,  
I'll shout with the millions on high.**



**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.**

**He hideth my life in the depths of his love,  
and covers me there with his hand,  
and covers me there with his hand.**

**HYMN - HWB #582**

**GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.**

**I am weak, but Thou art mighty;**

**Hold me with Thy powerful hand.**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven**

**Feed me now and evermore;**

**Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,**

**Whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong deliverer  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, Songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee.  
I will ever give to Thee.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sin

in the presence of God and one another.

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess that we are captive to sin**

**and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us.**

**So that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace we have been saved!

In the name of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God, strengthen us with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in our hearts through  
faith.

Amen.

**HYMN - HWB #505 I AM THINE, O LORD**

**1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy  
voice,**

**And it told Thy love to me;**

**But I long to rise in the arms of faith,**

**And be closer drawn to Thee.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed  
Lord,**

**To the cross where Thou hast died;**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed  
Lord,**

**To Thy precious, bleeding side.**

**2. Oh, the pure delight of a single hour**

**That before Thy throne I spend,**

**When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my  
God,**

**I commune as friend with friend!**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed  
Lord,**

**To the cross where Thou hast died**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed  
Lord,**

**To Thy precious, bleeding side.**

**3. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,**

**By the pow'r of grace divine;**

**Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,**

**And my will be lost in Thine.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed  
Lord,**

**To the cross where Thou hast died;**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed  
Lord,**

**To Thy precious, bleeding side.**



## **SCRIPTURE - 2 CORINTHIANS 4**

### **The Light of the Gospel: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said,

“Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Treasure in Jars of Clay: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12**

7But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. 8We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. 11For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. 12So death is at work in us, but life in you.

## **Eternal Glory: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18**

13But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, 14because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 16So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18because we look not at what can be seen

but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

**SERMON - JONATHAN ROBIE**

**CONGREGATION 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 - HWB #546 GUIDE MY FEET**

**Guide my feet while I run this race,  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Hold my hand while I run this race,  
hold my hand while I run this race,  
hold my hand while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Stand by me while I run this race,**



**stand by me while I run this race,  
stand by me while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**I'm your child while I run this race,  
I'm your child while I run this race,  
I'm your child while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Search my heart while I run this race,  
search my heart while I run this race,  
search my heart while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Guide my feet while I run this race,  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

## **SENDING**

**Go forth with the Lord at your side,  
seeking goodness and compassion.  
Bring the words of hope and peace  
to all whom you meet.  
Go in peace. AMEN**