

Durham Mennonite Church

April 28, 2024



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day,
seeking your Word and will for us.

Make us people who care deeply
about the well-being of others.

Give us courage to spread hope and peace
throughout the world. Open our hearts to
your redeeming love, for we ask this in
Christ's Name. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Waiting is never easy for us.

This morning, God is asking us to wait;
to be patient.

Help us to stop and focus on you, Lord.

Quiet your spirits and open your hearts
to God's word for you today.

**Lord, be with us. Help us to be ready to
hear and respond to your word.**

Let us praise your holy name!

AMEN.

Hymn - VT#650 Alleluia

Alleluia ...

Let your light shine, Alleluia (2x)

Alleluia (4x)

Let justice reign, Alleluia (2x)

Alleluia (4x)

Be now our peace, Alleluia! (2x)

Alleluia (4x)

Hymn - Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**And all that is within me bless God's holy
name.**

For God has done great things. (3x)

Bless God's holy name.

Hymn - Thou Art Worthy. (Rev. 4:11)

Thou art worthy, thou art worthy

Thou art worthy, O Lord,

To receive glory, to receive glory,

Glory and honor and power.

**For thou has created, hast all things
created,**

For thou hast created all things.

And for thy pleasure, they are created,

Thou art worthy, O Lord!

A Litany - written by JPL

Adding to Thoughts and Prayers (from Isaiah 58)

**Should you add to thoughts and prayers,
standing with orphans and with the
abandoned,**

**Then you will become a fountain of healing
and health.**

**Should you add to thoughts and prayers,
food for the famished and raiment for the
naked,**

**Then you will become an ascendant sun at
dawn.**

**Should you add to thoughts and prayers,
shelter for the homeless, the exile and the
immigrant,**

**Then you will find a certain path to the
land of promise.**

**Should you add to thoughts and prayers,
mercy for the burdened, the disgraced and
the guilty,**

**Then you will become a watered garden,
an oasis in the desert.**

**Should you add to thoughts and prayers,
dignity and freedom for the crushed and
broken,**

**Then you yourselves will become a
beautiful city rampart restored.**

**Should you add to thoughts and prayers,
slowness to assign blame, reluctance to
condemn others,**

**Then you will ride in freedom the very
heights of heaven and earth.**

**Should you add to thoughts and prayers,
devotion to the good of neighbors and to
the way of heaven,**

**Then you will call out in imploring prayer
to me and you will hear me say, 'Here I
am.'**

AMEN.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Precious Lord,
who always watches over us,
be with us through all of these days.

**We confess that at times we have allowed
a host of worries and frustrations
to crowd out your word
and the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives.**

As you give us peace and your transforming
love, also forgive all those times
when we have been less than faithful
disciples. **Gently visit us again with your
healing powers. Restore our hope and
courage and joy for
all the times ahead.**

**We ask this in the name
of the Master Healer, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Assurance of Grace

While we were worrying and fretting,
God has been at work in our lives
offering healing and peace.

Receive these gifts in the name and love of
the Lord our God. AMEN.

HYMN - VT#682

Lord, Listen to Thy Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

SCRIPTURE - Luke 14:12-14

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

SCRIPTURE - James 2:14-26

Faith without Works Is Dead

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. 20 Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. 23 Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a person is

**justified by works and not by faith alone.
25 Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute
also justified by works when she
welcomed the messengers and sent them
out by another road? 26 For just as the
body without the spirit is dead, so faith
without works is also dead.**

**Sermon – “Sending Thoughts and Prayers
and Doing Acts of Love” - Jackie Carroll**

Video - Helping Hand

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhWLDnsPVW4>

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#297 You Are Salt for the Earth

**You Are Salt For The Earth, O People,
Salt For The Kingdom Of God!**

**Share The Flavor Of Life, O People:
Life In The Kingdom Of God!**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace;
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

**You Are A Light On The Hill, O People,
Light For The City Of God!**

**Shine So Holy And Bright, O People:
Shine For The Kingdom Of God!**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace;
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

**You Are A Seed Of The Word, O People,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of God!
Seeds Of Mercy And Seeds Of Justice,
Grow In The Kingdom Of God!**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace;
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

**We Are A Blessed And A Pilgrim People,
Bound For The Kingdom Of God!
Love Our Journey And Love Our Homeland:
Love Is The Kingdom Of God!**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace;**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

SENDING (Isaiah 40:31)

But they that wait upon the LORD

Shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

They shall run, and not be weary;

They shall walk, and not faint.

Teach me LORD, teach me LORD to wait.