

Durham Mennonite Church

March 31, 2024



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Glorious Lord of life, you have raised us this morning to celebrate anew the mighty resurrection of your Son, through whom you overcame the old order of sin and death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Grant that as we worship with joy at Christ's rising from the dead, we also may be raised from the death of sin to the life of grace in the renewing power of your Spirit, and declare your good news to bring your life to the world. We pray this in the name of our risen Lord Jesus. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

Praise God in the earth and skies.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout and sing praises to God.

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

We have seen the Lord's greatness.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Let everything that draws breath

Praise the Lord!

HYMN - VT #340 Lift Your Glad Voices

Lift your glad voices in triumph on high,
For Jesus has risen and we shall not die.

Vain were the terrors
that gathered around him,
And short the dominion
of death and the grave.

He burst from the fetters
of evil that bound him
resplendent in glory, to live and to save.
Loud was the chorus of angels on high,
The Savior has risen, and we shall not die.

Glory to God, in full anthems of joy;
The being God gave us, death cannot destroy.
Sad were the life we may part with
tomorrow,
If tears were our birthright
and death were our end.

But Jesus has cheered
the deep valley of sorrow,

And bade us, immortal, to heaven ascend.
Lift then your voices in triumph on high,
For Jesus has risen, and we shall not die.

HYMN - VT #346 Christ the Lord

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heaven, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Jesus led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Christ, with Christ we rise,
Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

HYMN - VT #341 Christ has Arisen, Aleluia

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to
destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Christ has arisen, alleluia!**

The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there."

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to
destroy.**

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Christ has arisen, alleluia!

Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;

He has arisen mortals to save.

Jesus' redeeming labors are done;

Even the battle with sin is won.

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;

**Death's fearful sting He has come to
destroy.**

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Christ has arisen, alleluia!

Litany

L: God knows us, inside and out!

P: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

L: We can't run and we can't hide.
God is with us at all times.

P: Have mercy upon us, O God.

L: Don't be afraid. God will heal your wounds and bind up your broken hearts.

P: Have mercy upon us, O God.

L: From the very beginning, God has known and loved us.

P: Open our hearts to receive your love, O God.

L: Through all our stumbling and bumbling, God has lifted and carried us.

P: Open our hearts to receive your love.

L: Rest easy in the Lord, for God's healing presence is here.

P: Restore us and give us peace, O God.

L: Place your hand in Christ's hand. He will lead and guide your life.

P: Bring us into your presence again, O God.

L: Be at peace. God's love is with you.

P: Thanks be to God for God's mercy, love, and grace. AMEN.

HYMN - VT #332 In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found

He is my light, my strength, my song

This Cornerstone, this solid ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh

Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness

Scorned by the ones He came to save

**'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
My every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me**

**From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no human plan
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

SCRIPTURE - LUKE 24:1-12

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in they did not find the body. **4** While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. **5** The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the

ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. **6** Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” **8** Then they remembered his words, **9** and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. **10** Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. **12** But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by

themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SCRIPTURE - LUKE 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, **16** but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17** And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. **18** Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in

Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20** and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. **21** But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. **22** Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, **23** and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels

who said that he was alive. **24** Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” **25** Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! **26** Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” **27** Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. **29** But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly

over.” So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. **32** They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” **33** That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. **34** They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” **35** Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had

been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SCRIPTURE - LUKE 24:36-53

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” **37** They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. **38** He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? **39** 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.” **40** And when he had said this, he

showed them his hands and his feet. **41** Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 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.” **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, **46** 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 **47** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all

nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” **50** Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. **51** While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. **52** And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, **53** and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

SERMON - JONATHAN ROBIE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

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 #351 Oh, How Great is Christ

Oh, how great is Christ the Lord!

On the cross he died for me.

He has pardoned all my sin.

Glory be to Jesus.

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Glory be to Jesus!

In three days he rose again.

Glory be to Jesus!

Oh, qué bueno es Jesús.

Que por mí murió en la cruz.

Mis pecados perdonó.

A su nombre, ¡gloria!

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A su nombre, ¡gloria!**

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SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the faith and power of his resurrection.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!