

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG/PRAYER - LORD, PREPARE ME

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary,

Fit and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

LITANY – CALL TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

(adapted from Hildegard of Bingen)

Holy Spirit, comforting fire, life of all
creation,

Anointing the sick, cleansing body and soul,

Fill this body!

Holy Spirit, sacred breath, fire of love,
Sweetest taste, beautiful aroma,

Fill these hearts!

Holy Spirit, filling the world
from the heights to the deep,
Raining from clouds, filling rivers and sea,

Fill these minds!

Holy Spirit, forgiving and giving,
uniting strangers, reconciling enemies,
Seeking the lost, and enfolding us together,

Fill us who gather here!

Holy Spirit, bringing light into dark places,
igniting praise,
Greatest gift, our Hope and Encourager,
Holy Spirit of Christ,

We praise you! Amen!

Hildegard of Bingen
(1098-1179 AD)

HYMN - COME, GRACIOUS SPIRIT (#371 VT)

Let It Breathe On Me

Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,

**Let the breath of the Lord, now breathe on
me. (repeat)**

SONG - SPIRIT WE STRETCH

Spirit, we stretch our hands to thee

No other help we know;

If thou withdraw thyself from us,

O, whither shall we go?

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (READ IN
UNISON)**

#889 VT -

Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and put a new and steadfast spirit within
me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit in me.

Amen.

HYMN - LOVE LIFTED ME

Love lifted me, (O, yes), love lifted me

When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me.

SCRIPTURES - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel

again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

SCRIPTURES - 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. 6 For it is the God who said, "Light will 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 Christ.

7 But 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. 8 We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, 9 persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, 10 always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. 11 For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us but life in you.

SCRIPTURES - Mark 3:1-6

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2 They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." 4 Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. 5 He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately

conspired with the Herodians against him,
how to destroy him.

SERMON – LORD, I AM YOUR SERVANT

Laura Kelly

HYMN - HERE I AM, LORD (#545 VT)

[Verse 1]

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry

All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will
save

I, who made the stars of night

I will make their darkness bright

Who will bear my light to them? Whom
shall I send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 2]

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain,

I have wept for love of them, They turn
away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone

I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I
send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 3]

I, the Lord of wind and flame

I will call the poor by name

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide

'Til their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I
send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart

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.

COMMUNION

At the table of Christ, we eat this bread and drink this cup to remember the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, to be united with Christ and with one another as the church, and to look toward a time when

all will be one. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, Jesus Christ is present with us and we are empowered by the Spirit to follow Jesus' way of love as the body of Christ, broken and blessed for the life of the world.

As John baptized Jesus in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit baptized the body of Christ. God now gathers us at this table as the body of Christ to hear the voice of heaven, spoken over the waters of baptism, saying, "You are my beloved."

**Water, bread, and wine,
The gifts of the earth,
The gifts of the church,
Reveal that we belong
With God and one another.**

In wonder, we remember the life Jesus lived, laid down, and took up again for us.

Send your Spirit upon us, O God, so that the bread we break and the cup we share may be the communion of the body of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us, so that we can live, conformed to Christ. Amen.

GATHERING TOGETHER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat of my body, broken for you. Partake of it together, and so remember me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people. Drink it together, and so remember me.”

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, Eternal God,
Through this Holy meal
You have joined us to yourself
And to one another.**

**Blessed are you, Incarnate God;
You have put your life into our hands;
Now we put our lives into yours.**

**Blessed are you, Breath of God;
As we go forth, set us free
To follow where you lead. Amen.**

HYMN - MOVE IN OUR MIDST #827 VT

Move in our midst, thou Spirit of God.
Go with us down from thy holy hill.
Walk with us through the storm and the calm.
Spirit of God, go thou with us still.

Touch thou our hands to lead us aright.
Guide us forever, show us thy way.
Transform our darkness into thy light.
Spirit of God, lead thou us today.

Strike from our feet the fetters that bind.
Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.
Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind.
Spirit of God, thy love makes us strong.

Kindle our hearts to burn with thy flame.
Raise up thy banners high in this hour.
Stir us to build new worlds in thy name.
Spirit of God, O send us thy pow'r!

SENDING - #1054 VT

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always. Amen.