

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and most gracious God,
we give you thanks for this day
and for calling us here
to your place of worship.

We gather to praise your name,
for your faithfulness endures
from generation to generation.

Signs of your faithfulness are all around us:
love, mercy, forgiveness, new life,
and the gifts of your Son, Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit.

Help us claim your faithfulness
as we seek to increase our faithfulness to
you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**We proclaim here and now
the marvelous works of our God!**

Let our hearts leap for joy, O people of God.

**We proclaim here and now
the marvelous faithfulness of our God!**

God's ways are not our ways.

God's works are too wonderful to behold.

**We proclaim here and now
the marvelous works of our God
all the days of our lives!**

HYMN - HWB #301 Joys are Flowing

1 Joys are flowing like a river,
Since the Comforter has come;

Who abides with us forever,
Makes the trusting heart a home.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness—
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me.
How the billows cease to roll!

2 Bringing life and health and gladness
All around, this heavenly Guest
Banished unbelief and sadness,
Changed our weariness to rest.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness—
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me.
How the billows cease to roll!

3 Like the rain that falls from heaven,
Like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Holy Ghost is given,

Coming on us from on high.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness—
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me.
How the billows cease to roll!

4 See a fruitful field is growing
Blessed fruit of righteousness,
And the streams of life are flowing
In the lonely wilderness.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness—
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me.
How the billows cease to roll!

5 What a wonderful salvation
Where we always see God's face!
What a perfect habitation!
What a quiet resting place!

Blessed quietness, holy quietness—
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me.
How the billows cease to roll!

HYMN - HWB #567 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath
said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to
go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee, thy deepest distress.”

4 “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall
lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

5 “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for
repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

HYMN - HWB #610 On Jordan's stormy banks

1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

2 There generous fruits that never fail
on trees immortal grow.
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales
with milk and honey flow.

I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;

oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

3 All o'er those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

4 When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face,
and in his bosom rest.
I am bound for the promised land,

I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

5 Filled with delight, my raptured soul
can here no longer stay.

Though Jordan's waves around me roll
fearless I'd launch away.

I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

PRAYER (Read in Unison)

Speak to us Living God,

As you have spoken to our ancestors and
Through the voices of your prophets
The breath of your Spirit,
And the life of your Son,
So that we may live according to your word.
By the power of your Spirit
Help us to hear your holy word
That we may truly understand
That, understanding, we may believe
And believing we may follow
In faithfulness and obedience,
Seeking your honor and glory in all we do,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN - HWB #345 God Sent His Son

God Sent His Son, They Called Him Jesus;

He Came To Love, Heal And Forgive.
He Lived And Died To Buy My Pardon;
An Empty Grave Is There
To Prove My Savior Lives.

Because He Lives
I Can Face Tomorrow
Because He Lives
All Fear Is Gone
Because I Know He Holds The Future
And Life Is Worth The Living
Just Because He Lives

SCRIPTURE - Deuteronomy 20:1-17

1 And God spoke all these words:

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

SCRIPTURE - Matthew 22:34-40

.³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ **He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”**

SHARING STORIES OF FAITH - Marcia 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 - HWB # 615 Shall we gather at the river

1 Shall we gather at the river?

Where bright angel feet have trod

With its crystal tide forever

Flowing by the throne of God

Yes, we'll gather at the river

The beautiful, the beautiful river

Gather with the saints at the river

That flows by the throne of God

2 On the margin of the river

washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.

Yes, we'll gather at the river

The beautiful, the beautiful river

Gather with the saints at the river

That flows by the throne of God

3 Ere we reach the shining river,

lay we every burden down.

Grace our spirits will deliver,

and provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river

The beautiful, the beautiful river

Gather with the saints at the river

That flows by the throne of God

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river

Soon our pilgrimage will cease

Soon our happy hearts will quiver

With the melody of peace

Yes, we'll gather at the river

The beautiful, the beautiful river

Gather with the saints at the river

That flows by the throne of God

SENDING

God guide and guard our lives and bless our witness to your love. We go in peace seeking ministries of justice and hope so that all the world may know that you are God. AMEN.