

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

God, you are ever faithful.

Your love never ends.

**Teach us your ways, and guide us
through the wilderness of our lives
in your paths of love and forgiveness,
that we may witness to your grace
and salvation to those who are still searching.
Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:7-12)

7 Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

**8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

**9 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**

**10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

**11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover
me,**

and the light around me become night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

HYMN - HWB #575

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Precious Lord, take my hand,

Lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am

worn;

Through the storm, through the night,

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,

Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and
gone,
At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my
hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me
home.

HYMN - HWB #1

WHAT IS THIS PLACE

What is this place, where we are meeting?

Only a house, the earth its floor.

Walls and a roof, sheltering people,

Windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives

When we are gathered here,

And know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling.

Sparks that are sown in us like seed;

Names for our God,

dreams, signs and wonders

Sent from the past are all we need.

We in this place remember and speak

Again what we have heard:

God's free redeeming Word.

And we accept bread at his table,

Broken and shared, a living sign.

Here in this world, dying and living,

We are each other's bread and wine.

This is the place where we can receive

What we need to increase:

God's justice and God's peace.

HYMN - HWB #76

PRAISE, I PRAISE YOU LORD

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,

and glorify your name.

Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy.

Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,

and glorify your name.

Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy.

Alleluia!

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 (from Isaiah 61:3)

See, I give you a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit;

That you may be called oaks of

righteousness,

the planting of heaven, to display the Lord's

glory. Amen.

HYMN - HWB #352

GENTLE SHEPHERD, COME AND LEAD US

Gentle Shepherd come and lead us

For we need you to help us find our way

Gentle Shepherd come and feed us

For we need your strength from day to day

There's no other we can turn to

Who can help us face another day

Gentle Shepherd come and lead us

For we need to you to help us find our way

SCRIPTURE - EPHESIANS 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— 12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15 He has abolished

the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21 In him the whole structure

is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

SCRIPTURE - MARK 6:30-34, 53-56 30

Feeding the Five Thousand

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

31 He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Healing the Sick in Gennesaret

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SCRIPTURE - II Samuel 7:1-14a

God's Covenant with David

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel;

and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his

kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

SERMON - JONATHAN LARSON

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 #447

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me,

my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

2 O let me feel Thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear Thee speaking
in accents clear and still,

above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;

O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control!

O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul!

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised
to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend!

SENDING

Eternal God, you call us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending.

By paths as yet trodden,
through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only by your leading us,
and your loving support of us,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.