

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

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**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**

Being still is never easy.

This morning, God is asking us to be still;  
to be still and know that he is God.

**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. Be our strength.**

**Help us to be ready to hear and respond  
to your word. Let us praise your holy  
name! AMEN.**

### **HYMN - HWB #36 GOD OF OUR STRENGTH**

**1. God of our strength, enthroned above,  
the source of life, the fount of love,  
O let devotion's sacred flame  
our souls awake to praise thy name.**

**God of our strength, we wait on thee,  
our sure defense forever be.**

**2. To thee we lift our joyful eyes,  
to thee on wings of faith we rise.  
Come thou, and let thy courts on earth  
ring out thy praise in days of mirth.  
God of our strength, we wait on thee,  
our sure defense forever be.**

**3. God of our strength, from day to day  
direct our thoughts and guide our way.  
Oh, may our hearts united be  
in sweet communion, God, with thee.  
God of our strength, we wait on thee,  
our sure defense forever be.**

**4. God of our strength, on thee we call.  
God of our hope, our light, our all,**

**thy name we praise, thy love adore,  
our rock, our shield, forevermore.  
God of our strength, we wait on thee,  
our sure defense forever be.**

**HYMN - HWB #66 O WORSHIP THE KING**

**O worship the king all glorious above,**

**O gratefully sing his power and his love;**

**Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,**

**Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with  
praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,**

**Whose robe is the light, whose canopy  
space.**

**His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds  
form,**

**And dark is his path on the wings of the  
storm.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?**

**It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;**

**It streams from the hills; it descends to the  
plain;**

**And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,**

**In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;**

**Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the  
end,**

**Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and  
Friend!**

**HYMN - HWB #420**

**HEART WITH LOVING HEART UNITED**

**Heart with loving heart united,  
met to know God's holy will.**

**Let his love in us ignited  
more and more our spirits fill.**

**He the Head, we are his members;  
we reflect the light he is.**

**He the Master, we disciples,  
he is ours an we are his.**

**May we all so love each other  
and all selfish claims deny,  
so that each one for the other  
will not hesitate to die.**

**Even so our Lord has loved us;  
for our lives he gave his life.  
Still he grieves and still he suffers,  
for our selfishness and strife.**

**Since, O Lord, you have demanded  
that our lives your love should show  
so we wait to be commanded  
forth into your world to go.**

**Kindle is us love's compassion  
so that ev'ryone may see  
in our faith and hope the promise  
of a new humanity.**



## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Precious Lord,  
who always watches over us,  
be with us through all of our 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 - HWB #528**

**I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE**

**I stand amazed in the presence**

**Of Jesus the Nazarene,**

**And wonder how He could love me,**

**A sinner condemned, unclean.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**For me it was in the garden,**

**He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."**

**He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**He took my sins and my sorrows,**

**He made them His very own;**

**He bore the burden to Calv'ry,**

**And suffered, and died alone.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**When with the ransomed in glory**

**His face I at last shall see,**

**'Twill be my joy through the ages**

**To sing of His love for me.**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**And my song shall ever be:**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!**

**Is my Savior's love for me!**

**SCRIPTURE - PSALM 139:1-10, 23-24**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far

away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

## **SCRIPTURE - JOHN 6:1-21**

### Feeding the Five Thousand

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish.



But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

## **Jesus Walks on the Water**

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into

the boat, and immediately the boat reached  
the land toward which they were going.

## **SCRIPTURE - EPHESIANS 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## **SERMON**

# **PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH - KEVIN NICE**

**God is able**

**He is able to do**

**He is able to do what we ask**

**He is able to do what we think**

**He is able to do all that we ask or think**

**He is able to do more abundantly than all we ask or think**

**He is able to do FAR more abundantly than all we ask or  
think**

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

# **SHARING PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

## **PRAYERS FOR 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 #389 TAKE MY LIFE**

**1 Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,**

**filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be**

**ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.**

**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.