

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come humbly and gratefully to worship today. A place where we worship what cannot be seen, choose to participate in a living mystery, and try with all the Spirit's help to allow transformation of our lives, our church and our world. This is a place where we try, with all of the Spirit's grace, to risk letting go of familiar ways in order to believe, receive, and love anew. Come, Holy Spirit, come and renew a right spirit within us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of humanity
your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor
of your kingdom.**

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and
ever.

HYMN - HWB #100 Praise Him, Praise Him

1 Praise him, praise him!

Jesus, our blessed redeemer!

Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!

Hail him, hail him! Highest archangels in glory!

Strength and honor give to his holy name!

**Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his
children.**

**In his arms he carries them all day long.
Praise him! Praise him!
tell of his excellent greatness.
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song.**

**2 Praise him, praise him!
Jesus, our blessed redeemer!
For our sins, he suffered, and bled, and died.
He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail him, hail him! Jesus, the crucified.
Sound his praises, Jesus who bore our
sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong.
Praise him! Praise him!
tell of his excellent greatness.
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song.**

**3 Praise him, praise him!
Jesus, our blessed redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever!**

**Crown him, crown him!
prophet, and priest, and king!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious.
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.
Praise him! Praise him!
tell of his excellent greatness.
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song.**

**HYMN - HWB #360 Break Thou the Bread of
Life**

**Break Thou the Bread of Life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O Living Word.**

**Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
now unto me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace,
My All in all.**

HYMN - HWB #8

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Verse 1

Brethren we have met to worship,

**And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down
Brethren, pray, & holy manna
Will be showered all around.**

Verse 2

**Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners
Who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior**

Tell them that He will be found!

Sisters, pray, and holy manna

Will be showered all around.

Verse 3

Is there a trembling jailer,

Seeking grace and filled with fears?

Is there here a weeping Mary

pouring forth a flood of tears?

Brethren, join your cries to help them

Sisters, let your prayers abound!

Pray, oh pray, and holy manna

Will be showered all around.

Verse 4

Let us love our God supremely,

Let us love each other, too;

Let us love and pray for sinners,

'Till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to Heaven

At His table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird Himself and serve us

With sweet manna all around.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, our God

you give life to us all

you help those who come to you

you give hope to those who cry to you.

Forgive our sins, secret and open,

and rid us of every habit and thought

that stands against the gospel.

Set our hearts at peace,

so we may live our lives before you

confidently without fear,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE - Ezekiel 2:1-5

2 He said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 And when he

spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, “Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

SCRIPTURE - Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded.

They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a

staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

SERMON – LAURA KELLY

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SHARING PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER 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.**

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.

Circle Together at the Front for the Meal

HYMN - HWB #395 Here I Am, Lord

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

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry

All who dwell in dark and 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?

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

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?

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

I, the Lord of wind and flame

I will call the poor and lame

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?

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

HYMN - HBW #427 You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands. (clap 2x)
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands (clap 2x)
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands (clap 2x)
While you go out with joy!

SENDING

As you leave this place,

lift up your eyes to the Lord!

The One who sent Jesus Christ,

as salvation for all the world,

will never desert you.

The Lord will keep your going out

and your coming in, from this time on,

and forevermore.

Go now in peace, with God's blessing.