

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Bountiful God, you have blessed us with so many gifts. In this time of worship, may we be open to receiving these gifts. Help us claim our gifts and use them to bring liberation and justice to a hurting world. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable to you. May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as your body, that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this, your world. Amen.**

# **SONG OF INVOCATION - VT #371**

## **Come Gracious Spirit**

**1. Come, gracious spirit, heav'nly Dove,**

**With light and comfort from above.**

**Come, be our guardian and our guide;**

**O'er ev'ry thought and step preside,**

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**2. Lead us to Christ, the living Way,**

**Nor let us from his pastures stray.**

**Lead us to holiness, the road**

**That we must take to dwell with God,**

**That we must take to dwell with God.**

**3. Lead us to heav'n, that we may share**

**Fullness of joy forever there.**

**Lead us to our eternal rest,**

**To be with God forever bless'd,**

**To be with God forever bless'd.**

# **HYMN - SING THE JOURNEY #54**

## **Christ Be Our Light**

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness,**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,**

**Light for the world to see.**

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts,**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church**

**Gathered today.**

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled,  
Longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has power to save us.**

**Make us your living voice.**

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts,**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church**

**Gathered today.**

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.**

**Longing for water, many still thirst.**

**Make us your bread, broken for others,**

**Shared until all are fed.**

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts,**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church**

**Gathered today.**

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.**

**Longing for warmth, many are cold.**

**Make us your building, sheltering others,**

**Walls made of living stone.**

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts,**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church**

**Gathered today.**



**5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.**

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts,**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church**

**Gathered today.**

## **HYMN - VT #113 O, Sing to the Lord**

**1 O sing to the Lord,  
    O sing God a new song,  
O sing to the Lord,  
    O sing God a new song,  
O sing to the Lord,  
    O sing God a new song,  
O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord!**

**2 By marvelous pow'r  
    the Lord has done wonders, (3x)  
O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord!**

**3 So dance for the Lord  
    and blow all the trumpets, (3x)  
O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord!**

**4 O shout to the Lord,**

**who gave us the Spirit, (3x)**  
**O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord!**

**5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen, alleluia! (3x)**  
**O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord!**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Dear Lord,**

We confess that you are a great and holy God. Our hearts want to follow you, but we often fall short.

**Forgive us!**

When we are not who you want us to be.

**Forgive us!**

When we miss an opportunity to share your great love and salvation with those we meet throughout our week.

**Forgive us!**

When we miss an opportunity to spend time with you.

**Thank you!**

That even though you know our weaknesses, you love us.

**Thank you!**

That because of your Son, Jesus', incredible gift of salvation, you see, not our sin, but Christ's righteousness.

**Thank you for making yourself known to us! Help us to be faithful to make you known to others.**

Amen.

## **HYMN - VT #759 Take My Life**

**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.**

**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.**

**Take my intellect and use,  
Ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my lips and let them be**

**Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine,  
It shall be no longer mine.**

**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.**

## **SCRIPTURE - Psalm 24:4-10**

**4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,**

**who do not lift up their souls to what is false,**

**and do not swear deceitfully.**

**5 They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their  
salvation.**

**6 Such is the company of those who seek  
him,**

**who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

**Selah**



**7 Lift up your heads, O gates!**

**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!**

**that the King of glory may come in.**

**8 Who is the King of glory?**

**The Lord, strong and mighty,**

**the Lord, mighty in battle.**

**9 Lift up your heads, O gates!**

**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!**

**that the King of glory may come in.**

**10 Who is this King of glory?**

**The Lord of hosts,**

**he is the King of glory. Selah**

## **SCRIPTURE - Exodus 19:1-8**

### **The Israelites Reach Mount Sinai**

**On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured**

**possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”**

**So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.**

## **SCRIPTURE - Philippians 1:21-30**

**For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.**

**If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.**

**Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.**

**Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are**

**standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.**

### **SCRIPTURE - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

**For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with**

**Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of**

**you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power,**



**then gifts of healing, forms of assistance,  
forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.  
Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all  
teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess  
gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all  
interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I  
will show you a still more excellent way.**

## **SPEAKING CHORUS**

**Leader - The body is One.**

**People - But gifts, they are a-plenty.**

## **SERMON - JACKIE CARROLL**

## **HYMN - VT #719 UNITY**

**Jesus help us live in peace,**

**From our blindness set us free.**

**Fill us with your healing love.**

**Help us live in unity.**

**1 Many times we don't agree,**

**On what's right or wrong to do.**

**It's so hard to really see**

**From the other's point of view.**

**Jesus help us live in peace,  
From our blindness set us free.  
Fill us with your healing love.  
Help us live in unity.**

**2How we long for power and fame  
Seeking every earthly thing  
We forget the one who came  
As a servant, not a king**

**Jesus help us live in peace**

**From our blindness set us free**

**Fill us with your healing love**

**Help us live in unity.**

**3 May the gifts that you have giv'n,**

**Serve the whole in humble love,**

**That their goodness have the sound**

**Of the whisper of heav'n's dove.**

**Jesus help us live in peace**

**From our blindness set us free**

**Fill us with your healing love**

**Help us live in unity.**

**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.

**SENDING SONG - Take the Name of Jesus With  
You.**

**1Take the name of Jesus with you,**

**Child of sorrow and of woe;**

**It will joy and comfort give you,**

**Take it then where'er you go.**

**Precious name! Oh, how sweet!**

**Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;**

**Precious name! Oh, how sweet!**

**Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.**

**2Take the name of Jesus ever,**

**As a shield from every snare.**

**If temptations round you gather,**

**Breathe that holy name in prayer.**

**Precious name! Oh, how sweet!**

**Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;**

**Precious name! Oh, how sweet!**

**Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.**

**3At the name of Jesus bowing**

**When in heaven we shall meet,**

**Lord of lords we'll freely crown him**

**When our journey is complete.**

**Precious name! Oh, how sweet!**

**Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;**

**Precious name! Oh, how sweet!**



**Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.**

## **SENDING**

**The Spirit of God is upon you.**

**Go forth proclaiming God's love and liberation.**

**The Spirit of Christ is upon you.**

**We go forth to live lives of justice and freedom.**

**The power of the Spirit is upon you.**

**Go forth as one body, one spirit,  
one witness to the promises of our God.**