

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, you are worthy of all our praise. You are the God who never fails to keep his promises. We thank you that in Jesus' life, death and resurrection we see your love, justice, mercy, provision and victory. You are the God who lifts up those who are weighed down. You are the God who provides for your children. Our desire is to praise you as long as we live. Inhabit our praises as we gather together today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104:34,35)

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praise to my God
while I have being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Praise the LORD!

**HYMN - HWB #89 For the Beauty of the
Earth**

1 For the beauty of the earth,

for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth

over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to thee we raise

this our hymn of grateful praise.

**2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,**

**for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**5 For each perfect gift and sign
to this world so freely giv'n;
graces human and divine,
love uniting earth and heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

HYMN - HWB #651

I Owe the Lord a Morning Song

**1 I owe the Lord a morning song
of gratitude and praise,
for the kind mercy he has shown
in length'ning out my days.**

**2 He kept me safe another night;
I see another day.
Now may his Spirit, as the light,
direct me in his way.**

**3 Keep me from danger and from sin,
help me thy will to do,
so that my heart be pure within,
and I thy goodness know.**

**4 Keep me til thou will call me hence,
where never night can be,
and save me, Lord, for Jesus' sake;
he shed his blood for me.**

HYMN - HWB #383 God, Whose Giving

God, whose giving knows no ending,

from your rich and endless store:

nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,

costly cross, grave's shattered door,

gifted by you, we turn to you,

offering up ourselves in praise;

thankful song shall rise forever,

gracious donor of our days.

**Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.**

**Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace
conferred;**

**ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God,

**You rule the world from end to end
and for all time.**

**You alone are God. In you alone we
hope.**

Forgive our sins.

Heal our diseases.

Save our lives from destruction.

**We repent of our stubbornness and
pride.**

**We desire to yield ourselves
more fully to your will.**

**Keep us close, in your presence,
that we may serve and witness in the
world all the days of our lives through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE - Psalm 130

Waiting for Divine Redemption
A Song of Ascents.

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord

**more than those who watch for the
morning,**

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morning.**

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!

**For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.**

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

SCRIPTURE - Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had

heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well;

go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

SCRIPTURE - 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

7 Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you —so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 10 And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— 11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. 12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 13 I do not mean that there

should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15 As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

SERMON - A LOOK AT GENEROSITY KEVIN 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.

CLOSING HYMN - HWB #307

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your servant,

let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,

we are trav'lers on the road;

we are here to help each other

walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you

in the nighttime of your fear;

**I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony**

6 Will you let me be your servant,

let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant, too.

SENDING

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.**