

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

Sing praises to God, O faithful ones.

Give thanks and proclaim God's holy name.

Weeping or joyful, mourning or dancing,
come as you are, for all are welcome here.

**Open our hearts to healing, to life
restored.**

Let us sing and worship together in this
place

knowing God is near.

HYMN - VT #590

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me is daily shown,
nor why, with mercy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

**But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."**

I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart.

**But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able**

**to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."**

I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the Word,
creating faith in him.

**But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."**

I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noon-day fair,
nor if I'll walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.

**But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able**

**to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.”**

HYMN - VT #414 Jesus Shall Reign

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his realm shall stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

People and realms of every tongue

**dwell on his love with sweetest song,
 and infant voices shall proclaim
 their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er Christ reigns:
 and prisoners leap to loose their chains,
 the weary find eternal rest,
 and all who suffer want are bless'd.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
 each its peculiar praise to sing,
 angels descend with songs again,
 and earth repeat the loud amen.**

**Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home."**

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned
He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me.

**Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home"**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Loving Lord,

Forgive those things we have done

which have caused you sadness,

and those things we should have done

that would have brought you joy.

In both, we have failed ourselves and you.

Bring us back to that place

where our journey began,

**when we said that we would follow your
ways**

With our whole being.

Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.

In your name we pray, amen.

HYMN - VT #740 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me

Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE - PSALM 133

1 How very good and pleasant it is

when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head,

running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,

running down over the collar of his

robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon,

which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his

blessing,

life forevermore.

SCRIPTURE - DEUTERONOMY 10:17-19

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

SCRIPTURE - ACT 10:1-23

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves

and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened

**three times, and the thing was suddenly
taken up to heaven.**

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them." So Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?" They answered, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole

Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging.

The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him.

SERMON - JACKIE CARROLL

“Loving Through Differences”

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 - VT #545 Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry

**All who dwell in deepest 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 by name

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

SENDING - VT#1056

God dearly loves us,

And through Christ left us an example,

That we might follow in his footsteps.

Christ is the light

that has come into the world;

May God grant that this light

Shine around you,

And that you walk in it. Amen.