

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, As we stand in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Father, we declare that we love you. Thank you that you have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today as we gather to worship. Lead us by your Spirit to praise you. May our hearts always overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim your everlasting greatness and faithfulness. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 105:1-3

O give thanks to the LORD,

and call upon his name!

Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to the LORD, sing praises to him;

tell of all God's wondrous works!

Glory in God's holy name!

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD,

Rejoice!

HYMN - HWB #14 COME WE THAT LOVE

1. Come, we that love the Lord,

**and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.**

**We're marching to Zion
beautiful beautiful Zion
We're marching upward to Zion
the beautiful city of God.**

**2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.
may speak their joys abroad.
We're marching to Zion
beautiful beautiful Zion**

**We're marching upward to Zion
the beautiful city of God.**

**3. The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.
or walk the golden streets.
We're marching to Zion
beautiful beautiful Zion
We're marching upward to Zion
the beautiful city of God.**

**4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;**

**we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.
to fairer worlds on high.
We're marching to Zion
beautiful beautiful Zion
We're marching upward to Zion
the beautiful city of God.**

**HYMN - HWB #48 ALL CREATURES OF OUR
GOD**

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O sing ye! O sing ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!**

**O sing ye! O sing ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.**

**O sing ye! O sing ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,**

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O sing ye! O sing ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer.
We know we do not always live as we
ought to:**

**We turn away from You, from our
neighbor,
and from our true selves.**

**We know we dim Your light within us,
With our pride, our self-righteousness,
and our need for control.**

**We know that You love us,
that you do not abandon us,
and that again and again
you call us back to You,
back to love,
back to grace,
back to your light.**

**Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our
Lord. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News:

the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good

News:

In

Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia.

Amen.

HYMN - HWB #145

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the
sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

**There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the
good.**

**There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.**

**But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our
own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the
mind,
and the heart of the
Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's
word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.**

SCRIPTURE - EXODUS 16:11-15; 31-35

11 The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 12 “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of

the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

31 The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. 32 Moses

said, “This is what the LORD has commanded:

‘Let an omer of it be kept throughout your

generations, in order that they may see the

food with which I fed you in the wilderness,

when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.’ ”

33 And Moses said to Aaron, “Take a jar, and

put an omer of manna in it, and place it before

the LORD, to be kept throughout your

generations.” 34 As the LORD commanded

Moses, so Aaron placed it before the

**covenant, for safekeeping. 35 The Israelites
ate manna forty years, until they came to a
habitable land; they ate manna, until they
came to the border of the land of Canaan.**

SCRIPTURE - PROVERBS 9:1-6

**9 Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.**

**2 She has slaughtered her animals,
she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.**

**3 She has sent out her servant-girls,
she calls from the highest places in the
town,**

4 “You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

5 “Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

6 Lay aside immaturity,^a and live,

and walk in the way of insight.”

SCRIPTURE - John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live

because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

SERMON - LAURA KELLY

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 #71 JOYFUL, JOYFUL

**1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,**

Call us to rejoice in thee.

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.**

**4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward,**

In the triumph song of life.

SENDING

Wherever we are, we are in God.

**Wherever we are, we are in Christ,
and Christ is in us.**

**Wherever we are,
the Spirit abides with us and in us.**

**Let us go forth in peace and hope,
upheld by God in every way,**

in faithfulness and trust,

**that all may see the Divine in and through
us.**

Amen.