

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, we gather together today to give you thanks and praise your greatness. We praise your mighty works to the whole world. We praise you for your wonderful deeds. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, your love is never failing. You promised that you will never leave or forsake us. Let us worship you in spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 your hearts to healing, to life restored.

Let us sing and worship together in this place

Knowing God is near.

HYMN - VT #91 WE PRAISE THEE O GOD

1 We praise thee, O God,

for the Son of thy love,

for Jesus who died,

and is now gone above.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory,

hallelujah! Amen!

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

**2 We praise thee, O God,
for thy Spirit of light
who has shown us our Savior
and scattered our night.**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
hallelujah! Amen!**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

**3 We praise thee, O God,
for the joy thou hast giv'n
to thy saints in communion,
these foretastes of heav'n.**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
hallelujah! Amen!**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

**4 Revive us again,
fill each heart with thy love.
May each soul be rekindled
with fire from above.**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
hallelujah! Amen!**

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

HYMN - VT #136 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Santo, santo, santo,

mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir:

santo eres, Señor.

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, Lord.**

HYMN - COME, BRING YOUR BURDENS

**Come, bring your burdens to God (3x)
For Jesus will never say no.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (Read in Unison)

**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
the way that you first trod.
Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.
In your name we pray, amen.**

Assurance of Grace

**Steadfast love surrounds those
who put their trust in God,
for God forgives the guilt of their sin.
Happy are those whose transgression is
forgiven! Be glad in God!**

SCRIPTURE - JOB 1:1, 2:1-10

(Job 1:1)

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

(Job 2:1-10)

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. ² The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” ³ The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.” ⁴ Then Satan answered the Lord, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. ⁵ But stretch out your hand

now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.”⁶ The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.⁹ Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.”¹⁰ But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

SCRIPTURE - HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12

(Hebrews 1:1-4)

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

(Hebrews 2:5-12)

5 Now God did not subject the coming world,

about which we are speaking, to angels. 6 But someone has testified somewhere, “What are humans that you are mindful of the mortals that you care for them? 7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor 8 subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

SERMON – “Will We Receive Good from God, But Not Also Receive The Bad?” -
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 VT #560 JUST AS I AM

**Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,**

**And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

HYMN - OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS

Oh, how I love Jesus (3x)

Because he first loved me.

To me, it's so wonderful (3x)

Because he first loved me

HYMN - LOVE LIFTED ME

Love lifted me. (2x)

When nothing else could help,

Love lifted me.

HYMN - VT #435 BLESSED ASSURANCE

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation, purchase of God

**Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,**

filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long

This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long

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.