

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER SONG

Our God, we stretch our hands to thee,

No other help we know.

If thou withdraw thyself from us,

O whither shall we go?

Author of faith, to thee we lift

Our weary, longing eyes.

O let us now receive that gift!

Our soul without it dies.

CALL to WORSHIP - PSALM 19

**1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

**2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

**3 They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.**

**4 Yet their voice goes out into all the
earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

HYMN - VT #594 OVER MY HEAD

Refrain:

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.

1. Leader: Oh, when the world is silent,

People: I hear music in the air;

Leader: oh, when the world is silent,

People: I hear music in the air;

Leader: Oh, when the world is silent,

People: I hear music in the air;

All: there must be a God somewhere.

(Refrain)

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.

2. Leader: And when I'm feeling lonely,

People: I hear music in the air;

Leader: and when I'm feeling lonely,

People: I hear music in the air;

Leader: and when I'm feeling lonely,

People: I hear music in the air;

All: there must be a God somewhere.

(Refrain)

Over my head, I hear music in the air;

over my head, I hear music in the air;

over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.

HYMN - VT #103

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
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 Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,

Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

HYMN - VT #436 HOW GREAT THOU ART

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome
wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**
**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

2 When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur

and hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze;
**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**
**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

3 And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;
**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**
**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

4 When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim:

"My God, how great thou art!"

**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Senzeni Na, Senzeni na? (4x)

What have we done? (4x)

Words of Assurance

God will not keep silent, but will gather us
in

with the tender words: "You are forgiven."

**God is merciful and full of steadfast love.
God will not forget us.
God will wash us clean,
and lead us on paths
of steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE - ISAIAH 50:4-10

The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

**4 The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens,
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.**

**5 The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.**

**6 I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those
who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.**

**7 The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;**

8 He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

9 It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

10 Who among you fears the Lord

and obeys the voice of his servant,

who walks in darkness

and has no light,

yet trusts in the name of the Lord

and relies upon his God?

SCRIPTURE - Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and

began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them

the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SONG

The law of the Lord is perfect,
Converting the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure,
Making wise the simple.

**More to be desired are they than gold.
Yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey
And the honeycomb.**

The statutes of the Lord are right,
Rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the Lord is pure,
Enlightening the eyes.

**More to be desired are they than gold.
Yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey
And the honeycomb.**

The fear of the Lord is clean,
Enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true
And righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold.
Yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey
And the honeycomb.**

SERMON - LAURA KELLY

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/BLESSING

**The lone wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine, I rest in thee.
Great Spirit come and rest in me.**

**The ends of earth are in thy hand,
The seas dark deep and far off land.
And I am thine, I rest in thee.
Great Spirit come, and rest in me.**