#### **Durham Mennonite Church**

September 22, 2024



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church** 

#### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, may your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and prayers this morning. Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us and within us. Let us rejoice with our whole being as we begin our time of worship. To You alone belongs all praise and honor and glory and blessing, in Jesus Name, Amen.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP - Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

#### HYMN - VT #621 My Hope is Built

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

#### **Refrain:**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

2 In ev'ry rough and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

#### **Refrain:**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

3 Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move; I rest upon unchanging love. I trust his righteous character, his counsel, promise, and his pow'r.

#### **Refrain:**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,

oh, may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

#### **Refrain:**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

#### HYMN - VT #628 What a friend we have in Jesus

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All our sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry

**Everything to God in prayer** 

Oh, what peace we often forfeit

Oh, what needless pain we bear

All because we do not carry

**Everything to God in prayer.** 

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior still our refuge,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Jesus' arms will take and shield thee

Thou wilt find a solace there.

# HYMN - VT #718 Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Gentle Shepherd come and lead us For we need you to help us find our way Gentle Shepherd come and feed us For we need your strength from day to

There's no other we can turn to
Who can help us face another day
Gentle Shepherd come and lead us
For we need to you to help us find our way.

day.

#### PRAYER OF HOPE - VT #977

O Merciful God,

we wait, we wonder, we watch, we hope.

Your love falls on those who wait:

for a word from a doctor, a test result, a surgery, a miracle.

Your peace rests on those who wonder:

about the future, about their health, about how they will endure.

Your comfort cloaks those who watch:

over friends, children, family, and strangers. And so God we hope.....

We hope for healing that is deep, rich, and surprising. We hope for courage in the face of things we cannot control. We hope for strength and a deep sense of your nearness during tough times.

We are your children.

You have called us by name.

Help us now to wait, wonder, and watch in hope. Amen.

### HYMN - VT #682 Lord, Listen to Your Children

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

#### **SCRIPTURE - PSALM 20**

Prayer for Victory.

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

2 May he send you help from the sanctuary,

and give you support from Zion.

3 May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

Selah

- 4 May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.
- 5 May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD will help his

anointed; he will answer him from his holy

heaven with mighty victories by his right

hand.

7 Some take pride in chariots, and some in

horses, but our pride is in the name of the

LORD our God.

- 8 They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.
- 9 Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

#### **SCRIPTURE - JAMES 5:13-18**

#### **The Prayer of Faith**

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

#### **SCRIPTURE - COLOSSIANS 4:2-6**

#### **Further Instructions**

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, 4 so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should.

5 Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

#### **SERMON - JACKIE CARROLL**

"Living on the Prayers of Others"

#### **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 #698 Somebody Prayed for Me Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind,

took the time to pray for me.

I'm so glad they prayed

I'm so glad they prayed

I'm so glad they prayed for me.

The people prayed for me, had me on their mind,

took the time to pray for me.

I'm so glad they prayed
I'm so glad they prayed
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

My Jesus prayed for me had me on his mind,

took the time to pray for me.

I'm so glad he prayed

I'm so glad he prayed

I'm so glad he prayed for me.

#### **SENDING - VT#1065**

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought to you:

Walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God;

Walk in peace, under the shelter of the most high;

Walk in faith,

Knowing Christ walks with you. Amen