

Durham Mennonite Church

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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

We gather today to worship

The One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

HYMN - HWB #102

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory great things He has
done,

so loved He the world that He gave us His
Son,

who yielded His life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!**

**O Come to the Father through Jesus the
Son,
and give Him the glory,
great things He has done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of
blood,
to every believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!**

**O Come to the Father through Jesus the
Son,
and give Him the glory,
great things He has done.**

Great things He has taught us,
great things He has done
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we
see.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father through Jesus the
Son,
and give Him the glory**

great things He has done.

HYMN - HWB #46

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

**I sing the mighty pow'r of God,
that made the mountains rise,**

**That spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;**

**The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food,**

**God formed the creatures through a word,
and then pronounced them good.**

**Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,**

**If I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.**

**There's not a plant or flow'r below,
but makes Thy glories known,**

**And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from Thy throne;**

**While all that borrows life from Thee
is ever in Thy care;**

**There's not a place where we can flee
but God, is present there.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places.
We put our trust in things other than you.
We worry about things we cannot change.
We wonder if you are even there at all.
For all the times we have doubted you,
Lord,

Forgive us.

For all the ways we have neglected your
word
and ignored your people,

Forgive us.

Do not be far from us, Lord.

There is no one else we can turn to for
help.

Renew our hearts

and help us put our trust in you.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.

There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

**The Lord is patient and kind,
generous and good.**

God will not forsake you or leave you.

**Turn to the Lord with confidence
and put your faith in God's great mercy.**

**By the power of Jesus Christ,
we are made whole. Amen.**

HYMN - VT #133 My Jesus, I Love Thee

1 My Jesus, I love thee,
I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer,
my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2 I love thee because thou
hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon
on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing
the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3 In mansions of glory
and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering

crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

SCRIPTURE - JOB 23

Job Replies: My Complaint Is Bitter

1 Then Job answered:

2 “Today also my complaint is bitter;

his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him,

that I might come even to his dwelling!

**4 I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.**

**5 I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.**

**6 Would he contend with me in the
greatness of his power? No; but he would
give heed to me.**

**7 There an upright person could reason
with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my
judge.**

8 “If I go forward, he is not there;

or backward, I cannot perceive him;

9 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold

him;

I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

10 But he knows the way that I take; when

he has tested me, I shall come out like

gold.

11 My foot has held fast to his steps;

I have kept his way and have not turned

aside.

**12 I have not departed from the
commandment of his lips; I have treasured
in my bosom the words of his mouth.**

**13 But he stands alone and who can
dissuade him? What he desires, that he
does.**

**14 For he will complete what he appoints
for me;**

and many such things are in his mind.

**15 Therefore I am terrified at his presence;
when I consider, I am in dread of him.**

16 God has made my heart faint;

the Almighty has terrified me;

17 If only I could vanish in darkness,

and thick darkness would cover my face!

SERMON - JONATHAN ROBIE

“SEEKING GOD IN THE DARKNESS”

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 # 419 GREAT IS THY

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail
not

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide

Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

SENDING

You have been made free by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go into the world to serve God by helping others. Be at peace and bring God's peace and love with you wherever you go. AMEN.