

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, let us rejoice with our whole being as we begin our time of worship. We give thanks to you, O Lord, for the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us and for your presence that will never fail. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be God's children.

**God's love has been poured on us
through Jesus**

Christ!

Fear and doubt are gone!

Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**Let us offer our hearts and souls
to God in prayer and praise. AMEN.**

HYMN - VT#131 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

**Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my
heart.**

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.**

**Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my
heart.**

**In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Alleluia!**

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.**

Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.

**In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Alleluia!**

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

**O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.**

Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.

**In you I will find the source of all my joy.
Alleluia!**

HYMN - Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me

Bless his holy name. (2x)

He has done great things. (3x)

Bless his holy name!

HYMN - VT #715 - Longing for Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to You

Make us Your own, Your holy people

Light for the world to see

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled

Longing for hope, many despair

Your word alone has pow'r to save us

Make us your living voice

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry

Longing for water, many still thirst

**Make us your bread, broken for others
shared until all are fed.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless

Longing for warmth, many are cold

Make us Your building, sheltering others

Walls made of living stone

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts

**Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today!**

Invitation to Confession

New every day is God's love for us,
and new every day is our opportunity to
come with the truth of our lives to the

Creator who loves us unconditionally. Trust in God, in God's grace and mercy, in God's desire for wholeness and healing, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

(Silent Prayer)

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that you created us in love,

to enjoy this world and dwell in peace,

to care for your creation

and for all people, near and far.

We know that we do not always do your will and

We pray for forgiveness today.

Help us know where we are needed

and how best to serve you and your people.

Guide us to your side,

that we might be your hands

of healing and compassion
for a world in need.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN - VT#722 Help Us to Help Each
Other**

**1 Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's load to bear,
that all may live in true accord,
our joys and pains to bear.**

**2 Help us to build each other up,
your strength within us prove.
Increase our faith, confirm our hope
and fill us with your love.**

**3 Jesus, united by your grace,
and each to each endeared,**

**with confidence we seek your face
and know our prayer is heard.**

**4 Drawn by the magnet of your love,
we find our hearts made new.
Nearer each other let us move,
and nearer still to you.**

HYMN - VT #239

He Came Down That We May Have Love

**1 He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah forevermore.**

**2 He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,**

Hallelujah forevermore.

**3 He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore.**

**MCC School Kits and Comforter
Dedication**

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Prayer - Carol Detweiler

**Hymn - VT#778 Will You Let Me Be Your
Servant**

**1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?**

**Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

**2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow**

till we've seen this journey through.

**5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**6 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

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.**

Closing Hymn - Some Glad Morning

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly
away,**

**To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly
away.**

I fly away O Glory, I'll fly away.

**When I die hallelujah by and by,
I'll fly away.**

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll
fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly
away.**

**I fly away O Glory, I'll fly away.
When I die hallelujah by and by,
I'll fly away.**

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly
away.**

**To a land where joys shall never end,
I fly away O Glory, I'll fly away.
When I die hallelujah by and by,
I'll fly away.**

SENDING

We 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.