

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, you are the source of all true and lasting joy. Your love and mercy to us knows no bounds. We praise you for your power which is beyond compare. We worship you for your wisdom which is beyond understanding. You meet all our needs. You restore the brokenhearted and heal the wounded. How great you are, Lord! Fill our hearts with love as we respond by singing praises to you. 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 our hearts to healing, to life
restored.**

Let us sing and worship together in this
place knowing God is near.

OPENING - Kevin Nice

HYMN - VT #563 Come Thou Fount (v. 1,3)

**1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!**

**3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

HYMN - VT #664 Be Still My Soul (v. 1,3)

**1 Be still, my soul! for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:
leave to your God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will
remain.**

**Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly
Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**3 Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are
gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall
cease.**

Be still my soul! when change and tears are

**past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

COMFORT

Psalm 103:13-14, 17-18

"As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments."

John 16:33 “I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Psalms 121:1-2 “I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

Romans 15:5 “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.”

Thessalonians 5:11 “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Deuteronomy 31:8 "The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

HYMN - VT#622 Jesus, Rock of Ages

Jesus, Rock of ages,

let me hide myself in thee

Jesus, living Water,

let me drink from your flowing stream.

HYMN - VT #162 The Love of God (v.1,3)

1 The love of God is greater far

than tongue or pen can ever tell;

it goes beyond the highest star,

and reaches to the lowest hell.

The wand'ring child is reconciled

by God's beloved Son.

The aching soul again made whole,

and priceless pardon won.

Refrain:

O love of God, how rich and pure!

How measureless and strong!

It shall forevermore endure—

the saints' and angels' song.

3 Could we with ink the ocean fill,

and were the skies of parchment made;

were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,

and ev'ryone a scribe by trade;

to write the love of God above

would drain the ocean dry;

nor could the scroll contain the whole,

though stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain:

O love of God, how rich and pure!

How measureless and strong!

It shall forevermore endure—

the saints' and angels' song.

STRENGTH

Psalm 46:1-5 “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters

roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Exodus 15:2 "The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise him—my father's God, and I will exalt him."

Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened and do not be dismayed,

for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Isaiah 12:2 "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."

Isaiah 40:29 "He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless."

1 Peter 5:10 "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."

Psalm 73:26 "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

2 Samuel 22:33 "It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure."

Psalm 118:14 "The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation."

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

HYMN - They That Wait Upon the Lord

**They that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength.**

They shall mount up with wings of eagles

They shall run and not be weary

They shall walk and not faint.

Teach me Lord, teach me Lord to wait.

HYMN - VT #590 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace. (Vv 1,4)

I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me is daily shown,
nor why, with mercy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

**But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able**

**to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."**

I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noon-day fair,
nor if I'll walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.

**But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."**

HOPE AND CONFIDENCE

Psalm 27:1,13-14 “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid? I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”

Psalm 18:32-33: "It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places."

2 Corinthians 12:9—“My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak.”

Psalm 73:26—“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Nehemiah 8:10—“Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Psalms 46:5—“God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.”

Philippians 4:13—“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

Psalms 18:32-33 "It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places."

Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Psalms 18:2 "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

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 - When He Calls Me, I Will Answer

1. When he calls me I will answer (3x)

I'll be somewhere list'ning for my name.

(refrain)

I'll be somewhere list'ning, (2x)

I'll be somewhere list'ning for my name.

Oh, I'll be somewhere list'ning,

I'll be somewhere list'ning,

I'll be somewhere list'ning for my name.

2. With a glad heart we will answer, (3x)

SENDING

**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