Durham Mennonite Church November 24, 2024



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP - (Psalm 100)

- 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

5 For the Lord is good and his love endures

forever; his faithfulness continues through

all generations.

HYMN - Come Into God's Presence (a round singing each verse 2x)

Come into God's presence singing* Alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)

Come into God's presence singing* Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord! (repeat)

Come into God's presence singing* Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb! (repeat)

Come into God's presence singing* Thanks be to Heaven, thanks be to Heaven, thanks be to Heaven! (repeat) HYMN - VT#650 ALLELUIA

Alleluia ...

HYMN - VT#5 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL All people that on earth do dwell, Sing out your faith with cheerful voice; Delight in God whose praise you tell, Whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God indeed: Who fashions us, without our aid, Who claims us, gives us all we need, Whose tender care will never fade. Enter the sacred gates with praise, With joy approach the temple walls; Extol and bless our God always, As people whom the spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good, Whose mercy is forever sure; Whose truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our troubled hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings.

(Silent prayer)

Loving God, you have heard our anxieties, our vexations, our worries, our hopes, our dreams. Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness, that we may receive your grace, and may walk in freedom and glorious hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN - VT #703 RAIN DOWN, RAIN, DOWN

Rain down, rain down, Rain down your love on your people, Rain down, rain down, rain down your love God of life. (2x)

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.

SCRIPTURE - GENESIS 29:31-35

31 When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. 32 Leah conceived and bore a son, and she named him Reuben; for she said, "Because the Lord has looked on my affliction; surely now my husband will love me." 33 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also"; and she named him Simeon. 34 Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons"; therefore he was named Levi. 35 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord";

therefore she named him Judah; then she ceased bearing.

SCRIPTURE - COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sermon - "WALKING LIKE YOU HAVE ATTITUDE WITH GRATITUDE" - Jackie Carroll

HYMN - LORD PREPARE ME

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,

Pure and holy, tried and true.

And with thanksgiving,

I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (2x)

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 #834 Thuma Mina, Thuma Mina

Zulu:

Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina, Somandla.

English:

1 Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me Lord.

2 Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me Lord.

3 Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me Lord.

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.