

Durham Mennonite Church

June 7, 2020 Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Call to Worship - Marcia

Hymn - I sing the mighty power of God

Hymn - We are people of God's peace

Prayer of Confession and

Words of Assurance – Marcia

Scripture – Psalms 8 Kevin

Message – Rachel Taylor

Response to message – Jackie

Sharing praise and prayer requests – Jackie

The Lord's Prayer – Jackie

Music

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtlI3mNj5U>

Benediction – Marcia

Opening Prayer (Psalm 8)

From the time you fashioned the heavens and the earth
from a formless void, O God,
your creative energy has done marvelous works,
all around us.

May your creative Spirit
be at work in our hearts and minds today
as we worship you and, always,
as we strive to live in obedience to your will. Amen.

A Prayer of Confession

“Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.” Luke 11:4 NLT

Lord, we confess our sins to you.

We have rebelled against you.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to love one another and acknowledge the image of God we all bear.

We have refused to take up our cross and have sought instead to protect our own interests.

We have not been ambassadors of your reconciling love.

Merciful God, forgive us our sins.

Forgive us our sins of willful ignorance, complicity, indifference and shallow regret without godly sorrow that brings repentance and salvation. Like those in the parable who passed by the man attacked by robbers, we have not regarded the suffering of others as deserving our time, money, or effort.

Forgive and change us, O Lord!

Forgive us for hardening our hearts to the cry of our brothers and sisters who suffer daily — the minority, the alien, the refugee, the poor, the hungry, the naked, the prisoner, the child. Like Pharaoh, we have built empires on the backs of exploited workers and have benefited from “the way things are.” Unlike you, Lord Jesus, we have not overturned the tables of injustice and abusive power.

Forgive and change us, O Lord!

Forgive us our sins of idolatry — the staking of our lives on things that are temporal instead of eternal, on our blessings instead of you, generous God. Like the church in Laodicea, we have been satisfied with our wealth and privilege, not recognizing that we have become wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. We have loved the wrong things and become lukewarm towards you.

Forgive and change us, O Lord!

Forgive us our sins of selfishness, self-advancement, self-promotion, self-defense — our ever self-bending thoughts and actions. Like the builders of the Tower of Babel, we have tried to “make a name for ourselves” and sought the glory that is yours alone. We have failed to acknowledge that you alone are the answer to this broken world.

Forgive and change us, O Lord!

Holy Father, we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us.

We plead the blood of your Son for the washing of our sins and the healing of the nations.

Create in us a clean heart and renew us with your Holy Spirit.

Restore us as a church to the joy of your salvation.

Give us the attitude of Jesus Christ, who humbled himself even unto death, to reconcile us to you and make lasting peace possible among all people.

And give us courage to live this gospel of reconciliation before a watching world. Amen.

Psalm 8

For the director of music. According to *gittith*. A psalm of David.

1

Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

in the heavens.

2

Through the praise of children and infants

you have established a stronghold against your enemies,

to silence the foe and the avenger.

3

When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,

which you have set in place,

4

what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

human beings that you care for them?

5

You have made them a little lower than the angels

and crowned them with glory and honor.

6

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;

you put everything under their feet:

7

all flocks and herds,

and the animals of the wild,

8

the birds in the sky,

and the fish in the sea,

all that swim the paths of the seas.

9

Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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.

Benediction

God of Love and Mercy, you have given us stewardship to care for this wonderful planet and to care for our neighbors. We have been blessed with a variety of gifts and talents and you call us to use them to help others. Open our hearts today to ministries of peace with justice. Embolden us to become part of this great cloud of witnesses who were unafraid to be your disciples. Be with this church that it may be a true witness to Jesus Christ in all that we do. AMEN.