

# Durham Mennonite Church

May 17, 2020 Order of Worship

**Gathering** - 10:15 to 10:30

**Welcome and Call to Worship** - Marcia Nice

**Music Video** – My Jesus I Love Thee

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance** – Jackie Carroll

**Scripture** – John 14:15-21 Kevin Nice

**Message** – **You Are Never Alone** – Marcia Nice

**Response to message** – Jackie Carroll

**Sharing praise and prayer requests** – Jackie Carroll

**The Lord's Prayer** – Jackie Carroll

**Music Video** – Everlasting God

**Benediction** – Marcia Nice

## Call to Worship

**L:** How shall we love the Lord our God who has poured out such love upon us?

**P:** **We shall love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and spirit.**

**L:** How shall we demonstrate that love.

**P:** **We shall live that love in all that we do, think, and say.**

**L:** Let our love be genuine and holy.

**P:** **Praise be to God who has loved us totally. AMEN.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone.**

**We wonder where you are.**

**We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt.**

When you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries,

we begin to doubt that you even care or exist.

Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction.

Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives.

Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses.

Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice.

Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us;

for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

## **Words of Assurance**

Even in the midst of doubt and darkness, the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you.

Out of God's great love, you have been redeemed and made whole.

Rejoice, beloved of God! AMEN

# John 14:15-21 New International Version (NIV)

## Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be <sup>[a]</sup> in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

# **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.