

Durham Mennonite Church

July 19, 2020 Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Call to Worship – Marcia Nice

Hymn – All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

<https://youtu.be/UyPT3IVSpmo>

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Message – “The Wheat and the Weeds” Kevin Nice

Response to message – Jackie Carroll

Sharing praise and prayer requests – Jackie Carroll

The Lord’s Prayer – Jackie Carroll

Hymn – Take me to the King

<https://youtu.be/5wMbJo-iXA4>

Benediction – Kevin Nice

Opening Prayer

God, we are your people! We humbly come before you from the weariness of a busy week, from various triumphs and joys to struggles and disappointments. As we gather; friendship, peace, and hope await us. Not only for our lives right now, but for all the times to come. Stand us up again, O God! Dust us off and put us back on the pathways of service and reconciliation. Warm our hearts with your love; lift our spirits with your power, for we ask these things in the Name of Jesus our Savior. AMEN!

Call to Worship

L: The Lord knows each and every one of us
and loves each one dearly.

**P: Sometimes it feels as though God
has drifted away from us.**

L: Be strong!
Look for the ways in which God is present to you.

**P: Given all the troubles of the day,
we often look more closely at them than Him.**

L: Come, open your hearts and spirits
to God's love and presence.

**P: Lord, help us to see your presence in all of life's
circumstances and sing your praises all day long.
AMEN.**

Hymn – All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

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Prayer of Confession

It is said that confession is good for the soul,
But there are times, O Lord, when we just don't want to confess,
We don't want to own up to the many ways
In which we have failed to be your faithful disciples.
We have turned our backs on those in need.
We have sought after personal wealth and our own comfort,
Believing that these things bring true happiness.
But you know us far too well.
You know what is within our hearts and our spirits.
You seek the very best for us
That we might grow to be fruitful plants in your garden.
Be with us.
Forgive us when we have failed to love and treat others
With respect and compassion.
Turn our hearts back toward you,
Who always reaches out to us offering healing and love.
These things we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Great news has come to us, dear friends!
God, who is faithful and just, who cherishes us as we are,
Seeks restoration and healing for those broken places in our lives,
Forgives and loves us unconditionally.
Receive that good news and rejoice!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
New International Version (NIV)

The Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Message - “The Wheat and Weeds” Kevin Nice

Response to the message

Sharing praise and prayer requests

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 – Take me to the King

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Benediction

Get ready to go into God's world.

Bring messages of hope to all.

As we have been blessed,

May we bring blessings to all

In the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.