

Durham Mennonite Church

June 27, 2020 Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer- Marcia Nice

Song - All Who Are Thirsty

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance – Marcia Nice

Scripture – 1 Kings 17:9-16 Cheryl Van Horn

Scripture – Matthew 10:40-42 Marcia Nice

Message - “Inviting Trouble, Inviting the Kingdom” Jonathan Larson

Response to message – Jackie Carroll

Sharing praise and prayer requests – Jackie Carroll

The Lord’s Prayer – Marcia Nice

Song - Build Your Kingdom Here

Benediction – Jonathan Larson

Call to Worship:

Leader: O God , we come seeking you in our worship together.

We come to you for truth, because we are untrue.

We come to you for strength, because we are weak.

We come to you for wisdom, because we are unwise.

People: Move in our midst;

Show us your truth, your strength, and your wisdom,

Through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God of mercy, we thank you for your presence with us. As we gather in this community to share our faith, we open our hearts to the future of this church. We ask that you make us a blessing. Prepare us to serve and celebrate the ministries you place before us. Deep cries out to deep. We call out in prayer from deep within us, O Lord, appealing to the deep places within your heart. Help us to understand your ways. We are hungry and thirsty.

Giver of everlasting life, fill us again with your spirit, for it is in Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

Song

All Who Are Thirsty

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord,
we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet, but you know that sometimes we shy away from reaching out. We make judgments about others based on their appearance and other surface

factors, and we neglect your mandate to be a welcoming presence. That lack of welcome extends further when we see needs that must be addressed and choose to turn our backs. We turn away from the pain and suffering, protecting our own lives. Yet you remind us that as we welcome others, so we are also welcoming you. Heal us and give us strength and courage to always be welcoming others in your name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

How wonderful it is to be welcomed by our Lord through God's church.
Rejoice in God's welcoming love for you. AMEN.

1 Kings 17:9-16 (NIV)

⁹“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

¹²“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’”

¹⁵She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Matthew 10:40-42 (NIV)

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Message

“Inviting Trouble, Inviting the Kingdom” Jonathan Larson

Response to message

Jackie Carroll

Sharing praise and prayer requests

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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.

Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Benediction