

Durham Mennonite Church

9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Worship

March 8, 2020

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer (Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3)

God of the ages, we come into this holy space

asking for your blessing,

only to find that the abundance of your love

is already around us.

Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation
in the beauty all around us.

**Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word
as it is proclaimed in story and song this day.**

Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith
through a caring friend's thoughtfulness
or the supportive smile of a stranger.

And open wide our doors,

**that we may become vessels of your blessing
to a world still in need of salvation.**

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymns

I owe the Lord a morning song - #651

I stand amazed in the presence - #528

I bind my heart this tide - #421

Prayer of Confession (Genesis 12, John 3)

God of salvation,

you shower our lives and our world with love,

yet we too often turn away from your blessing.

It is just so easy to complain!

There are little annoyances each day,

but they pile up into a mountainous burden

that becomes a curse on our lives.

Free us from our unwise choices, O God.

When we are distracted and confused,
redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities
to experience your love.

During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you,
that we may choose the blessing of salvation
offered us each day through Jesus Christ,
in whom we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Genesis 12, John 3)

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Through the saving love of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven and blessed!

Announcements

Hymn - My Jesus I love thee - #522

Offering

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 55:6-12

Message – What is God Doing in Our Neighborhood?

Sharing, Praises and Prayers Requests

Closing Hymn – You shall go out with joy! - #427

Benediction

Infant Kit Contents:

Contents (NEW items only, sizes 3-12 months)

- 3 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material)
- 3 undershirts/onesies (short or long sleeves)
- 1 receiving blanket (lightweight fleece or flannel, minimum 30in x30in)
- 4 large, heavy-duty safety pins
- 1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 cap

Upcoming Events

Thursdays, 12:00 a.m. – quilting at DMC

Sunday, March 8th – Duane Beck preaching, potluck meal and a congregational meeting following today!

We have clarified two arenas for congregational mission; one, with our neighbors using our playground to begin reaching out, and two, with Families Moving Forward, the organization that helps families who have recently moved out of homelessness. Duane Beck will lead us to discern, "What difference do we believe God wants us to make with our neighbors, and in the lives of families who are part of Families Moving Forward."

Saturday, April 4th – church workday with Families Moving Forward

Sunday, April 5th – Psalm Sunday and Durham Cropwalk

Thursday, April 9th – Maundy Thursday

Sunday, April 12th – Easter Sunday

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