

Durham Mennonite Church

August 23, 2020 Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Announcements - Marcia

Opening Prayer - Marcia

Call to Worship - Marcia

Hymn - To God be the Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmSBP22pgcU>

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture – Deuteronomy 30:11-18 Spencer

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Message – Jonathan Robie

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Hymn - I know Whom I have believed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRV3J4n8cc>

Benediction - Marcia

Announcements

Opening Prayer

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name.
AMEN

Call to Worship

L:

Life can sometimes be very difficult.

P: We look around and wonder where God is.

L: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

P: God surrounds us with love and courage.

L: Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

P: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. AMEN.

Hymn - To God be the Glory

Prayer Of Confession

There are far too many times, O Lord,
When we have neglected or ignored the needs of others
Because it just wasn't convenient for us to help.
We backed away with excuses on our lips
And indifference in our hearts.
Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion
In the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us.
Remind us that we are residents of a global community.
Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless.
With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ,
Direct our lives in compassionate service to others.
In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Through the abundance of God's mercy and forgiving love,
You are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others,
To offer the words and deeds of hope in a struggling world.
God's blessings are poured over you for this service.

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 30:11-18

11 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. **12** It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" **13** Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" **14** No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. **16** For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. **17** But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, **18** I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

Psalm 15

A psalm of David.

1 Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

2 The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;

3 whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

4 who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;

5 who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

Malachi 3:3-5

3 “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, **4** and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

5 “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

Mark 3:1-6

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. **2** Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. **3** Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

4 Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

5 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. **6** Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Matthew 21:12-17

12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. **13** “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. **15** But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

16 “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,
“From the lips of children and infants
you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

17 And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

Message – Jonathan Robie

Response to message

Sharing Praises and Prayer Concerns

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 - I Know Whom I have Believed

Benediction

The world awaits the love and gifts you have to offer.
Go forth in joy and peace to be God's witnesses this day
And all your days. AMEN.