

Durham Mennonite Church

August 9, 2020 Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Announcements

Opening Prayer - Marcia

Call to Worship – Marcia

Hymn – Til the Storm Passes by

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JQX25fnDGE&t=170s>

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture – Isaiah 52:6-10

Scripture – Matthew 14:22-33

Message – Jonathan Larson

Song – How Lovely are the Mountains

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= IHBEIWZ9k4>

Response to message – Renee

Sharing praise and prayer requests – Renee

The Lord's Prayer – Renee

Hymn - Great is Thy Faithfulness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liQzzc41z5Q>

Benediction - Marcia

Opening Prayer

God of mysterious ways,
You take our fears and turn them into triumphs.
You remind us that you are always with us
And that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life.
Encourage us to step out of the boat;
To come across these difficulties
To your redeeming and transforming love.
Give us courage and strength,
Joy and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

Call to Worship

**L: Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance!
All are part of the richness of God's mercy and love
for us!**

P: God has blessed us in so many ways!

L: Welcome this day to a celebration of these blessings!

P: Thank you. We are glad to be here!

L: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to your love

**P: Bring us safely through the trials and tribulations of
life, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN**

Hymn - Til the storm passes by

Prayer of Confession

Lord, please forgive our weakness

And our lack of trust in you.

We are like the disciples who,

In the midst of fears and storms, could only tremble

And wonder about the threatening events.

Even when Jesus called to the disciples,

They shook with fear.

But Jesus offered words of encouragement.

Impulsive Peter asked Jesus to call to him

And bid him come out of the boat.

Jesus complied and Peter stepped over the edge onto the waves — but fear claimed him again and he began to sink.

Many of us can identify with that moment

When we let go of our faith and clutch onto our fears.

Help us to place our trust totally in you and your call to us.

You will guide and lift us to safety —

That is the promise you have given to us and we believe it.

When our faith slips, scoop us up and bring us peace.

Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you.

Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Keep your focus on Jesus.

He is your Savior and your Guide. He will never fail you.

Rejoice, dear friends, you are called precious by our Lord.

AMEN.

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 52:6-10

6

Therefore my people will know my name;

therefore in that day they will know

that it is I who foretold it.

Yes, it is I.”

7

How beautiful on the mountains

are the feet of those who bring good news,

who proclaim peace,

who bring good tidings,

who proclaim salvation,

who say to Zion,

“Your God reigns!”

8

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.

When the Lord returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

9

Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10

The Lord will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

Scripture Reading - Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus Walks on the Water

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. **23** After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, **24** and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. **33** Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Message - Jonathan Larson

Song - How lovely are the mountains

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 - Great is thy faithfulness

Benediction

You have been embraced by the love of God,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
And blessed by Jesus to go into this world
To offer healing and hope. Go in peace. AMEN