

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

## **September 13, 2020 Order of Worship**

**Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30**

**Announcements – Marcia Nice**

**Opening Prayer – Marcia**

**Call to Worship – Marcia**

**Hymn video- My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance**

**Scripture – Psalm 103:8-22**

**Scripture – Matthew 18:21-35**

**Message – A four letter word H-O-P-E Duane Beck**

**Musical Meditation video– Rain Down video**

**Response to message – Marcia**

**Sharing praise and prayer requests - Marcia**

**The Lord's Prayer – Marcia**

**Hymn video- In Times Like These**

**Benediction – Marcia Nice**

## **Announcements**

### **Opening Prayer**

We sing and speak your praise, O God,  
Grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us.  
Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open  
To learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others.  
For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### **Call to Worship – Psalm 13:1-13**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.

## **Hymn video– My Hope Is Built**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bWjb\\_6MzwY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bWjb_6MzwY)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord,

your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives,  
your forgiveness is boundless in mercy  
when we fail to live in Christlike ways.

And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—  
quick to find fault,  
quick to assign blame,  
quick to harden our hearts toward others.

Set us apart, loving God,  
to extend and model the grace you have shown us  
by offering grace to others.

We pray in the name of the One who died  
so that we might fully live. Amen.

## **Assurance of Grace**

Just as Christ has forgiven us, we are to forgive others.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Praise to God who has triumphed gloriously. Amen

## **Scripture – Psalm 130:8-22**

- <sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.
- <sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- <sup>10</sup>he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
- <sup>14</sup>for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.
- <sup>15</sup>The life of mortals is like grass,  
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- <sup>16</sup>the wind blows over it and it is gone,  
and its place remembers it no more.
- <sup>17</sup>But from everlasting to everlasting  
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,  
and his righteousness with their children's children—
- <sup>18</sup>with those who keep his covenant  
and remember to obey his precepts.
- <sup>19</sup>The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.
- <sup>20</sup>Praise the LORD, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,

who obey his word.

<sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.

<sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all his works  
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

## **Scripture – Matthew 18:21-35**

### **The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold<sup>[b]</sup> was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.<sup>[c]</sup> He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the

other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.’ <sup>33</sup> ‘Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”



## **Message – Duane Beck**

## **Musical Meditation video– Rain Down**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmOswvIS6CQ>

## **Response to the Sermon**

## **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 video- In Times Like These**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3jK3x3iMOM>

## **Benediction**

As you have been forgiven, now go into a world that needs your forgiving, healing touch. Bring peace and hope to others, sharing God's love with them. AMEN.