

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

## **September 6, 2020 Order of Worship**

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

**Announcements** – Marcia Nice

**Opening Prayer** – Kevin Nice

**Call to Worship** – Kevin Nice

**Hymn - God is Love** - video

**Prayer of Confession** - Kevin Nice

**Assurance of Faith** - Kevin Nice

**Scripture** – Psalm 146 - Bonny Barry

**Scripture** – Romans 12:9-21 - Elizabeth Johnson

**Message** – Marcia Nice

**Musical Meditation** – Joanna Nice

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Response to message** – Jackie Carroll

**Sharing praise and prayer requests** – Jackie Carroll

**The Lord's Prayer** – Jackie Carroll

**Hymn - Power Of Your Love** - video

**Benediction** – Kevin Nice

# Announcements

## Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we come this day  
Seeking courage and hope for the future.  
Banish the darkness of hate, doubt and fear in this world.  
Help us to be those who bring peace  
In our families and communities.  
Anoint us with your light and love  
That we may spread the good news  
of your mercy to everyone.  
In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

## Call to Worship

L: Welcome to this community of faith.

**P: We come seeking hope and courage for the future.**

L: Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

**P: We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.**

L: Here you will find Jesus who will take your burdens on himself.

**P: Lord, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love. AMEN.**

## **Hymn – God Is Love**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Forgiving and loving God,  
Our hearts are filled today with pain  
And concern for the future of humankind.  
Help us not be overcome by our anger and frustrations  
In our fear, we cry “Where are you, O Lord?”  
We wander around in the darkness,  
Seeking light and hope.  
Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us,  
Through times of peace and times of strife.  
Heal our souls.  
Help us to reach out to others  
With the assurance of your love and presence,  
For we ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

### **Assurance of Faith**

God hears our prayers and our cries.  
God leads us out of the darkness of the past  
Into the bright promise of today.  
We are called to stand strong and confident in God’s Love.  
Rejoice, dear friends, for that love which began before  
creation flows in and through you this day! AMEN.

## Scripture – Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

<sup>4</sup> When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come to nothing.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God.

<sup>6</sup> He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them—

he remains faithful forever.

<sup>7</sup> He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

<sup>8</sup> the LORD gives sight to the blind,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD reigns forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

## **Scripture – Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.  
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Message – Marcia Nice**

## **Musical Meditation – Turn Your Eyes on Jesus**

## **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 - Power Of Your Love

### Benediction

You are prepared to walk away from the darkness into the light. Go into this world confident in Christ's love and God's eternal presence with you. Go to be a witness for good and a bearer of peace to all you meet. Go in peace!  
AMEN.