

Durham Mennonite Church

October 4, 2020 Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Announcements – Marcia Nice

Opening Prayer – Marcia

Call to Worship – Marcia

Hymn video - All Hail the Power

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture – Isaiah 5:1-7

Scripture – Psalm 80:7-15

Scripture – Philippians 3:4b -14

Scripture – Matthew 21:33-46

Message – What is the Role of Church in Politics? – Andy Stanley

Musical Meditation video

Response to message – Jackie

Sharing praise and prayer requests - Jackie

The Lord's Prayer – Jackie

Hymn video- Crown Him with Many Crowns

Benediction – Marcia Nice

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
your word bursts forth into our lives
like a glorious sunrise.
You speak, and our hearts rejoice.
You command, and our eyes are opened.
The sound of your voice brings revival to our souls.
Your words are purer than the finest gold.
True and righteous one, living Word,
light our way.
As we listen to your Spirit,
may the words of our mouths
and the thoughts of our hearts
be accepted in your sight, O Lord,
our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Call to Worship (Exodus 20)

O Lord, you are God.

There is no other God but you.

**We renounce all that we have allowed
to come between us.**

O Lord, we worship you.

We praise and honor your name.

We worship you on this, your holy day.

For your love, for your word,

for all that you have given:

O Lord, we thank you and praise you.

We love you.

Hymn video - All Hail the Power

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyPT3IVSpmo>

Prayer of Confession (Phillippians 3)

No matter how righteous
we imagine ourselves to be, Lord,
your perfect word reveals our imperfections
all too clearly.

No matter how hard we strive
to fulfill the requirements of your law,
we always fall short.

We have forgotten that righteousness and perfection
come not from rules and regulations
but from faith.

We have ignored the truth that your righteousness
comes from faith.

Open our eyes to see that all we have accomplished
is nothing compared to knowing Christ
as our Lord.

Let us count everything as loss,
that we might gain heaven
and be found blameless in Christ.

In the name of the Savior we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace (Philippians 3)

Take heart; have faith. The goal is in sight.

Press on to take hold of it,
as Christ has taken hold of us.

Have no fear; leave the past behind.

Reach out for what lies ahead, for the prize,
for the life to be found in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Scripture – Isaiah 5:1-7

5 I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

3 “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of
Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

- ⁵ Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.
- ⁶ I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briers and thorns will grow there.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”
- ⁷ The vineyard of the Lord Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Scripture – Psalm 80:7-15

- ⁷ Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.
- ⁸ You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.
- ¹¹ Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.
- ¹² Why have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?
- ¹³ Boars from the forest ravage it,
and insects from the fields feed on it.
- ¹⁴ Return to us, God Almighty!
Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine,
¹⁵the root your right hand has planted,
the son you have raised up for yourself.

Scripture - Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Scripture – Matthew 21:33-46

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will

produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Message – Andy Stanley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZND4eXJeho>

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 – Crown Him with many crowns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufzr4SqAxy0>

Benediction (Matthew 21)

Let the light of God's love shine on you, in you,
and through you as you go into God's world to serve God's
people. Go in peace. AMEN.