

Durham Mennonite Church

September 27, 2020 Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Announcements – Renee Collins Bradford

Call to Worship – Renee

Hymn Videos - [Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah](#)
[Come to the Water](#)

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Scriptures – Exodus 17:1-7

John 4:5-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Message – *When Water is More Than Just Water*

Jonathan Larson

Musical Meditation – I surrender all

Responses to Message – Marcia

Sharing praise and prayer requests - Marcia

The Lord's Prayer – Marcia

Hymn Video - [Oh, Freedom](#)

Benediction – Renee

Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship God who provides for us.

P: Even though we whine and complain, God hears our cries.

L: Lift your voices in praise, for God has come to comfort you.

P: Thanks be to God who forgives and heals our wounded souls.

L: Come, celebrate God's steadfast love.

P: Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to your words. AMEN.

Hymn Videos –

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[Come to the Water](#)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us and take care of us just as you loved and took care of the travelers in the wilderness. But, like them, we complain and worry. We complain about the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the house we live in, the jobs we do. We worry that we are missing out on things that we deserve. We are jealous of anything others have that we do not. And we worry that we will lose even what we have. Help us recognize all the ways you take care of us. Help us appreciate and enjoy your gifts. And teach us to trust you to give us what we need. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Even after God led them away from Pharaoh and through the Red Sea, even after God fed them with manna and quail and made water flow from a rock, the people complained. God had every right to give up on them. But, God was patient. God took care of them and taught them and forgave them. God promises to do the same for you and for me. We have Jesus' word on it. Thanks be to God!

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

John 4:5-15

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Message:

When Water is More Than Just Water

Jonathan Larson

Musical Meditation

Responses 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- [Oh, Freedom](#)

Benediction

Jesus said, “Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” Go forth flowing with life to satisfy all thirst, overflowing for the world around you.