

Durham Mennonite Church

November 8, 2020 - Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Announcements – Marcia Nice

Opening Prayer

Hymn - God is Love

Call to Worship

Confession of Weakness (Hymn video)

Confession of Faith – Romans 8:35-39

Scripture – Joshua 24: 1-3a, 13-25

Scripture – Matthew 25:1-13

Message – Tiptoeing Through Change - Duane Beck

Hymn – Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song

Reflection on the message

Sharing praise and prayer requests

Hymn - The Lord's Prayer (video)

Benediction - Marcia Nice

**Announcements – Marcia
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Opening Prayer - Marcia Nice

Hymn – God is Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WM67XFmS6hE>

Call to Worship

L: What do you bring before the Lord this day?

P: We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord.

L: What do you seek?

P: We seek peace for our weary souls.

L: You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.

**P: Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord,
to hear your words of comfort and peace.
Guide us and let us walk each day with you. AMEN.**

Confession of Weakness – (Hymn)

I am Weak and I Need thy Strength. (Lead Me, Guide Me)

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

Confession of Faith – Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”^[a]

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[b] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture - Joshua 24: 1-3a, 13-25

The Covenant Renewed at Shechem

24 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

² Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. ³ But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.’

¹³ So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.’

¹⁴“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

²¹ But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.”

²² Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

²³ “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”

²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Scripture – Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Message – Duane Beck

Hymn – Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song

<https://www.youtube.com/?v=XgwGPPM2ytc>

Reflection Time - Jackie Carroll

Praises and Prayer Concerns - Jackie Carroll

Hymn - The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

To live as God's people of abundance,
while not giving in to the pull of our culture,
you're going to need the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Lift your hands and hearts,
in the name of the Father, who sustains us,
and the Son, who instructs us,
and the Spirit, who leads us.

Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Sing the Lord's song of hope where ever God leads you! Amen!