

Durham Mennonite Church

November 15, 2020 - Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Announcements – Marcia Nice

Opening Prayer

Worship Song - Who Am I

Call to Worship

Scripture – Galatians 3:26-29

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Message – Jonathan Robie

Worship song – Who You say I am

Reflection on the message

Sharing praise and prayer requests

Hymn - The Lord's Prayer (video)

Benediction - Marcia Nice

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Opening Prayer

Lord of hope and light, shine into our darkness and bring hope to our souls. Remind us again of the wonderful ways you have cared for us when we were lost. Open our hearts to receive your loving spirit. Refresh our minds with knowledge of your everlasting power and compassion. We offer this prayer in Christ's name. AMEN.

Call to Worship

L: In the midst of difficult times, we have new life from Christ.

P: When we think that there is no hope,

God offers us healing love.

L: Come, let us praise the God of new life.

P: Let us sing and shout for joy.

L: Let us worship the One who is with us forever.

P: Thanks be to God for all God's blessings. AMEN.

Worship Song - Who Am I

<https://youtu.be/yZP0HAg0GAA>

Prayer of Confession:

Lord of power and compassion,
it is easy to be overwhelmed in these times with fears.

Fear that we will not have enough of whatever we need to survive.
Fear of the anger and hostility that abides in the world,
in our own country, in our own neighborhoods.
All around us is anxiety about living.
And we draw into ourselves as a response to the needs.
We want someone else to take care of those in need.
We want someone else to fight our battles for us.
We want someone else to stop the darkness.
At times, it feels as though we are drowning in the depth of despair.

But you, O Lord, are the bright light, the power to heal,
the reassuring hand of comfort and strength.
You offer to us healing love, strength for our exhausted souls,
courage to face whatever comes,
with the full confidence that you are with us in all these times.
Forgive our weakness and our little faith.
Give us hearts of strength and hope.
Enable us to be among those who would reach out to others
with welcome, healing, forgiveness, and love.
For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

God is reaching out for you today!

God offers healing and encouragement
out of God's great love for you.

It is a free gift - continually given by God.

Thanks be to God. AMEN

Scripture - Galatians 3:26-29

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,
27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed
yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are
all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are
Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Scripture - 1 John 3:3-16

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we
should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The
reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2
Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be
has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ
appears,[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3
All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is
pure.

4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. 5
But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our
sins. And in him is no sin. 6 No one who lives in him keeps on

sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, **[b]** if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Scripture - 1 John 1:5-2:2

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[a] sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Message – Jonathan Robie

Song – Who You say I am

https://youtu.be/sBTWBQe_UB0

Reflection Time - Renee

Praises and Prayer Concerns - Renee

Hymn - The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Gracious and eternal God,
We thank you for the bonds of love and care
that we share within your church.
We thank you for Jesus Christ,
who has joined us into one living body.
Enable us, by your Spirit,

to walk together in unity of love and purpose,
to help one another by work and example,
to live in faithful obedience to your will.
Be the justice and mercy we show one another,
may your name be praised,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.