

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**November 29, 2020 - Order of Worship**

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

**Announcements – Marcia Nice**

**Opening Prayer**

**Litany – Jonathan Larson**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Hymn – Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming**

**Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Grace**

**Scripture – Isaiah 64:1-9**

**Scripture – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

**Scripture – Romans 8:22-23**

**Scripture - 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; 16-18**

**Hymn – O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Message – Advent - Hoping in the unseen**

**Reflection on the message – Jackie Carroll**

**Sharing praise and prayer requests**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Worship Song – No Eye Has Seen**

**Benediction - Jonathan Robie**

**Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

## **Litany - ( Isaiah 64:1-9 )**

### **Sometimes It Causes Me To Tremble**

When I think of all who came and went in shadows,  
Trudged in tears to journey's end, bereft of hope or promise,  
well ...

**Sometimes, it causes me to tremble.**

When I remember those who rose despite the darkness  
To perform, against all odds, some deed of fragrant longing,  
well ...

**Sometimes, it causes me to tremble.**

When I hear tell of the seers' whisper, "The whole shall be  
redeemed,"

A fragile secret threaded through trouble and centuries, well ...

**Sometimes, it causes me to tremble.**

And now that whisper falls like mercy on our ears, too;  
At what cost, with what yearning, and with promise of what is  
yet in store, well ...

**Sometimes, it causes me to tremble.**

**By Jonathan Larson**

## **Light the Advent Candle - Renee**

### **Hymn – Lo How a Rose Ere Blooming**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGk82AT8od4>

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord of light and peace, shine on us this day,  
the first sunday of Advent.

Forgive us when we succumb to the anxieties,  
fears and temptations of the season.

Slow us down. Calm our spirits.

Give us an awareness

that this is the season of waiting and of preparation.

Pour peace into our lives

and help us to be bearers of peace to others.

For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. AMEN.

### **Words of Assurance**

Even in the midst of difficult times,

God is with us, bringing peace to us.

Receive God's rich blessing of peace and hope.

AMEN.

## Scripture - Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!

2

As when fire sets twigs ablaze  
and causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies  
and cause the nations to quake before you!

3

For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

4

Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

5

You come to the help of those who gladly do right,  
who remember your ways.  
But when we continued to sin against them,  
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

**6**

All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf,  
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

**7**

No one calls on your name  
or strives to lay hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have given us over to [\[b\]](#) our sins.

**8**

Yet you, Lord, are our Father.  
We are the clay, you are the potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

**9**

Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord;  
do not remember our sins forever.  
Oh, look on us, we pray,  
for we are all your people.

## **Scripture - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

**Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.**

**You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

**Awaken your might;  
come and save us.**

**3**

**Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.**

**4**

**How long, Lord God Almighty,  
will your anger smolder  
against the prayers of your people?**

**5**

**You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.**

**6**

**You have made us an object of derision[[b](#)] to our neighbors,  
and our enemies mock us.**

**7**

**Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.**

**17**

**Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.**

**18**

**Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.**

**19**

**Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.**

## **Scripture - Romans 8:22-23**

**22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

**23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

## **Scripture - 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; 16-18**

**7** But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

**8** We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; **9** persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. **10** We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

## **Hymn - O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xtpJ4Q> Q-4**

## **Message Advent - Hoping in the Unseen**

## **Reflection Time**

## **Praises and Prayer Concerns - Jackie**

## **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.

## **Song – No Eye Has Seen**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tm9KOBQ\\_YeU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tm9KOBQ_YeU)

### **Benediction**

Go now and walk in the light of the Lord.

Stay alert for the Lord is near.

Put on the armour of light  
and live openly and honourably.

Pray for peace for all God's people.

And may God clothe you in the light of Christ;

May Christ Jesus teach you his ways;

And may the Holy Spirit keep you alert and prepared for the  
coming day of the Lord.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.