

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**January 3, 2021 - Order of Worship**

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

**Welcome and Announcements - Renee**

**Call to Worship - Renee**

**Opening Prayer - Renee**

**Hymn - Arise! Shine!**

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance - Renee**

**Message - Jackie, Joy, Eddie, Lloyd and Kevin**

**Prayer - Renee**

**Scripture – Isaiah 40:31 (Jackie)**

**Scripture – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 (Joy)**

**Scripture – James 4:14 (Eddie)**

**Scripture - (Lloyd and Kevin)**

**Hymn - Be Thou My Vision**

**Reflection Time - Spencer**

**Sharing praise and prayer requests - Spencer**

**The Lord's Prayer - Spencer**

**Worship Song - The Blessing**

**Benediction - Renee**

## **Welcome and Announcements - Renee**

### **Call to Worship (Isaiah 60)**

Arise, shine for your light has come!  
The glory of the Holy One has risen upon you!

**Our spirits soar at the dawning of the light  
that illumines our darkness.  
Our hearts rejoice at God's abundant grace.**

Lift up your eyes and look around,  
for God has pity on the weak,  
and redeems the oppressed from violence.

**Come to Bethlehem with the magi,  
following the star of God's glory  
and proclaiming the good news of Jesus,  
who is the Christ.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!  
The glory of the Holy One has risen upon you!

**We shall see with eyes made new.  
We shall see and be radiant!**

## **Opening Prayer - Renee**

Holy light of all the nations,  
shine upon us and all humankind.  
Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may become beacons of hope to all the earth,  
bringing the peace of Christ to everyone we meet. Amen.

## **Hymn - Arise! Shine!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fh0zvfPcrX8>

## **Prayer of Confession**

O God, you create and sustain all things by your Word.  
Your love is manifest throughout your good creation.  
Indeed, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
So that we might see, hear and know you  
In ways never before possible.  
But we do not always trust in that revelation  
And in your sustaining power.  
We sometimes doubt that your abundant love  
Will overcome hatred in our world.  
Forgive our disbelief.  
Have mercy upon us for our failure to abide in Christ  
And to walk in his light.

## **Words of Assurance**

Hear the Good News!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth,

and from that fullness, we have all received grace upon grace.

And to all who receive this good news,  
who believe in Jesus' name,

God grants power to become children of God.

Bear that family resemblance into the life of the world,  
for we are forgiven and restored to walk in the light,  
set on right paths of justice and peace. Amen

**Message - Jackie, Joy, Eddie, Lloyd & Kevin**  
Sharing Scripture, Thoughts on 2020 and Hopes for 2021

**Prayer - Renee**

**We praise you, O God, for your word — a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths. Help us hear and believe the promises you have spoken, through Jesus Christ our Lord this morning. Amen.**

## Scripture - Isaiah 40:31 (Jackie)

But those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

**Isaiah 40:31**



## **Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 (Joy)**

**12** Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. **13** Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. **14** And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. **15** Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

**16** Rejoice always, **17** pray continually, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

## **Scripture – James 4:14 (Eddie)**

**14** Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

**Scripture – (Lloyd and Kevin)**

**Meditative Music - Be Thou My Vision**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Optrm7lF16s>

**Reflection Time - Spencer**

**Praises and Prayer Concerns - Spencer**

## **The Lord's Prayer - Spencer**

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.

## **Worship Song - The Blessing**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtl13mNj5U>

## **Benediction - Renee**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Go from here as a witness to the light. Walk in that light, as God's own children. Lift up the brokenhearted, stand with the oppressed, And let all that you do – all of it – be out of love. Amen.