

Durham Mennonite Church

March 14, 2021 - Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Hymn – I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Praise Offering - Cheryl

Hymn - Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Assurance of Faith

Introduce Scriptures - Duane

Scripture – Numbers 21:4-9

Scripture – John 3:11-21

Sermon – Duane Beck

Hymn - Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Reflection Time

Sharing praise and prayer requests

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction - Duane

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Mighty God, everything you do reveals your glory and majesty.

Open our eyes to see what you are doing in our lives.

Let us marvel at your good gifts and your wise provision.

Your acts are amazing Lord.

We cannot comprehend the number of blessings
you pour out on us from day to day.

As we gather today around your name,
we pray that you would fill our hearts, our minds and our souls.

Transform us, Lord, and make us more like you.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Call to Worship

We gather together to worship God,
the Shepherd of our souls.

The one who has created us,
who sustains us,
who redeems us,
who walks beside us in good times and bad,
and who calls us to follow.

This is our God!

Let's worship Him together!

Hymn – I Sing the Mighty Power of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeSoE1Kmmv0>

Praise Offering to God - Cheryl

Hymn - Praise God From whom all blessings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Gc8ZZdjVkg>

Psalm 23

You, O God, are our Shepherd. You provide everything we need.
You let us rest in green meadows and lead us beside quiet streams.
You renew our strength, and guide us
in ways that bring honor to Your name.
Even when we walk through difficult valleys, we will not fear,
for you never are far away— protecting and comforting,
guarding and guiding every step we take.
You prepare a feast for us in the presence of our enemies.
You welcome us as friends and lavish your blessings on us.
We know that your goodness and unfailing love
will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives,
and that after our lives here are over,
we will spend eternity in your presence.

Comments on today's Scripture - Duane

Numbers 21:4-9

The Bronze Snake

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

John 3:11-21

¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Message – Duane Beck

Hymn - O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sw6of9nYs0>

Reflection Time - Renee

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.**

Benediction