

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**April 4, 2021 - Easter! - Christ is risen!**

## **Order of Worship**

**Easter Gathering (visit with coffee or breakfast) 10:00 – 10:30**

**Worship 10:30**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn – Christ the Lord has Risen today**

**Hymn - He Lives**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Scripture – John 20:1-18**

**Sermon – What a Morning! - Duane Beck**

**Reflection time**

**Hymn - Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**

**Sharing praise and prayer requests**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn - Lift Your Glad Voices**

**Benediction**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Opening Prayer**

God of Awesome Joy, be with us this day as we celebrate the resurrection of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Let the light of your love flood into our lives and through us to all those who have been captured by darkness, that the light may give them healing, freedom and hope. Darkness does not win. Death is not victorious. Christ is Risen, for us, for you and for me. We are raised with Christ to a new life of hope and service. Let the joy of this good news swirl around in our hearts. Let excitement for service and ministry burst forth from us. Let us truly be the “Easter People” that you have called us to be. For we ask these things in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## **Call to Worship**

L: Our long journey through darkness is over!

**P: Let us dance into the light of Jesus' resurrection!**

L: No more do we need to fear!

**P: No more will we feel that we are alone and lost!**

L: Jesus lives today in our hearts and our spirits!

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**L: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! Amen!**

## **Hymn – Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ss-AOTpCIPE>

## **Hymn - He Lives**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF6aBDS3drA&list=PLWmzuzTiUbV5ZWH AeobygkjGaj42tVfrA&index=51>

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## **Assurance of Grace**

Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! You have been saved through the gift of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## Scripture – John 20:1-18

### The Empty Tomb

**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

## Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Message – “What a Morning!” Duane Beck**

**Reflection Time**

**Hymn - Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbo0lnamiYk>

**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.

## **Hymn – Lift Your Glad Voices**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSL-fjQ6Qg>

### **Benediction**

Dance, celebrate, sing, and shout for joy! Christ is Risen and He goes before us, into this world of fear and pain. He has called us to bring the Good News of healing and hope, of redemption. Go in peace, and feel the presence of the Risen Lord with you, now and forever. AMEN!