

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**March 28, 2021 - Order of Worship**

**Palm Sunday**

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

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# **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and seek to be a house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

## **Call to Worship (from Zechariah 9:9-17)**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,  
**humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt,  
the foal of a donkey.**

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;

And the battle-bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;

**God's dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

As for you also,

because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Grain shall make the young men flourish,  
and new wine the young women.

**Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.**

On that day the Lord their God will save them,  
for they are the flock of his people;  
for like the jewels of a crown,  
they shall shine on his land.

**What goodness and beauty are God's!**

## Hymn – All Glory, Laud and Honor

### Prayer of Confession

(adapted from Jeremiah 7:1-15)

The word from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.' Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know I am watching, says the Lord. Go see where I have dwelt before, and the ruin I have made there for the wickedness of my people Israel. See if you also are not cast out if you persist in doing the same things, if when I call you, you do not listen or answer.

**We confess, O Lord, we have trusted in empty words that deceive even ourselves. We have come and stood before you in your house, called by your name, and celebrated our safety, only to continue in rebellion against you. We confess that in thought, word or deed, we have gone after false gods, and given ourselves to idols, instead of following your voice and instruction. In our actions or our hearts, we have deceived with lies, murdered, and committed adultery. We confess and offer ourselves to you, O Lord.**

## **Assurance of Grace**

The Lord says, if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you act truly justly one with another, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, and make my home with you forever and ever.

## Scripture - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."  
Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
The Lord is God, and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## Scripture - Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Message – Jonathan Larson**

**Reflection Time**

**Hymn - [Crown Him With Many Crowns](#)**

**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 – Freedom Is Coming

### **Benediction**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**