

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**April 18, 2021**

**Order of Worship**

**Worship 10:30**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship - Psalm 4:1-8**

**Hymn - There is a Balm of Gilead**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Scripture – Acts 3:12-19**

**Sermon – Jonathan Larson**

**Reflection time**

**Hymn - O Healing River**

**Sharing praise and prayer requests**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn - I am the Bread of Life**

**Benediction**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Opening Prayer**

Lord, be with us today as we gather again  
to sing, pray and abide in your word.

Help us to believe that you are always with us,  
both in our darkness and in the light which you bring.

Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection.

For we offer this in Jesus' Name,

Amen.

## **Call to Worship - based on Psalm 4:1-8**

O Holy God, we come together to call on you to always listen and hear our prayers.

**Forgive us, O God, for our distracted thoughts and feelings, even as we worship you.**

Even in our confusion we come to you, very confident of your Holy Presence.

**We come before you, O God,  
seeking to always faithfully worship you in spirit and in truth.**

We gather to worship you within the fellowship of your people, and even though we are so different, our shared yearning is to sincerely honour and revere our God.

**We come together to be warmed by the assurance of God's love; so we can then move on to our daily life and nightly rest, confident in the security of God's blessing and presence. Amen.**

## **Hymn - There is a Balm in Gilead**

[https://youtu.be/8fcMxl\\_6xsk?t=9](https://youtu.be/8fcMxl_6xsk?t=9)

## **Prayer of Confession**

God, you call us to be people of courage and hope;  
yet we continue to doubt and fear.

You challenge us to proclaim our faith;  
but words of discouragement fill our thoughts and keep us silent.

Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again.

Shake us up, Lord!

You gave to us your greatest gift, your Son Jesus Christ.

Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives and all around us;  
and remind us of all that He taught us,

to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others.

Change us! Remold us!

Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. AMEN.

## **Assurance of Grace**

Do not be afraid!

The Light of God has vanquished the darkness!

Christ is risen!

Doubts are erased. Rejoice!

God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. AMEN.

## **Scripture – Acts 3:12-19**

**12** When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? **13** The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. **14** You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. **15** You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. **16** By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

**17** “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. **18** But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. **19** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

**Message – Jonathan Larson**

**Reflection Time**

**Hymn - O Healing River**

<https://youtu.be/DTnqDpmgKYE?t=176>

**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 – I am the bread of life**

<https://youtu.be/lvD0XJzOWQ4>

## **Benediction**

Go in courage and peace, proclaiming the Risen Lord to all!  
Be those who bring hope and justice  
to a hungry and hurting world!  
The peace of the Lord is with you now and forever. AMEN.