

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**April 25, 2021**

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**Worship 10:30**

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Opening Prayer**

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

## **Call to Worship - (Acts 4 and Psalm 23)**

Come to the Shepherd!

**Walk in the paths of righteousness.**

Come to Jesus Christ, the cornerstone!

**Ground your life in Jesus.**

Come to the Spirit, who abides in us!

**Feast at God's table with joy!**

## **Hymn - Savior like a Shepherd Lead us**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGO9\\_xGunBg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGO9_xGunBg)

## **Prayer of Confession (Psalm 23)**

Good Shepherd,  
we take your care for granted.  
In the midst of your many blessings,  
we find ourselves wanting more than what we need.  
In the presence of danger,  
we fail to trust your abiding love.  
When you set a table before us,  
we turn aside from you.  
Call us back into your care  
and help us trust your caring presence,  
that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.

## **Assurance of Grace (Psalm 23)**

God forgives our failures and calls us back  
into the flock.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us  
all the days of our lives,  
and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

# Scripture – Acts 3:16-4:4 (NIV)

## Note:

This starts at the end of last week's text about the healing of the lame man and continues the story. This starts at the end of Peter's address

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. <sup>22</sup> For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.'

<sup>24</sup> "Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. <sup>25</sup> And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.'<sup>v</sup> <sup>26</sup> When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

## Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin

**4** The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup> They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup> But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

## Scripture - Acts 4:5-20

<sup>5</sup> The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is

" 'the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

<sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. <sup>15</sup> So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. <sup>16</sup> "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup> But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

<sup>18</sup> Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup> As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

<sup>21</sup> After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

**Message – By what power? By what name?**

**Hymn - In Christ Alone**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>

**Reflection Time**

**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 - On Christ the Solid Rock I stand**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkMapZB8qMk>

### **Benediction**

Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love,

go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness.

Love one another in truth and action.

May God's abundant blessings abide in you forever. Amen.