

Durham Mennonite Church

May 2, 2021

Order of Worship

Worship 10:30

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

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Prayer of Confession

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Sharing praise and prayer requests

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn - O Happy Day

Benediction

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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you that you have brought each of us safely to this place.

We gladly surrender our hearts to you today in worship and praise.

As we gather we remember our friends who are not with us today

We ask for your blessing to be on us and them and their loved ones.

We invite Your Holy Spirit to come dwell in each of our hearts today.

Equip us, challenge us, comfort us, teach us.

Inspire us as we learn more about your majestic ways.

Father, as we meet now may we behold Your beauty and encounter your grace.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus. Amen.

Call to Worship (Psalm 103:1- 13)

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit

And crowns you with love and compassion,

Who satisfies your desires with good things

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve

or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,

so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Hymn - I Will Sing of My Redeemer

https://youtu.be/o8DQR1DHc_Q

Prayer of Confession

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.

We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.

But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures, selfish, mean.

Maybe, You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.

In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished.

We ask that you keep on loving us, and helping us,
and molding us more and more into the image of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Friends, hear this Good News:
the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love.
Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
Alleluia! Amen.

Scripture - 1 John 1:5 - 2:6

Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. **4** Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. **5** But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: **6** Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Message – Love and Forgiveness

Hymn - I Surrender All

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2BnL_zl7uw&list=PLWmzuzTiUbV5ZWHaEobygkjGaj42tVfrA&index=95

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 - O Happy Day

<https://youtu.be/olQrCfkvbGw>

Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!
Aim for restoration, comfort one another,
agree with one another, live in peace;
and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Amen.