

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

**June 13, 2021**

**Worship Order**

**Worship 10:30**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship - Psalm 92:1-4**

**Hymn - I could sing of your love forever**

**Hymn - Indescribable**

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# Welcome and Opening Prayer

Leader: If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled,

**People: You are welcome.**

Leader: If your faith is strong and if your faith is battered or frail,

**People: You are welcome.**

Leader: If you are eager to praise God, and you need to be quiet,

**People: You are welcome.**

**All: God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.**

## **Call to Worship - Psalm 92:1-4**

It is good to praise the LORD  
and make music to your name, O Most High,  
Proclaiming your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night,  
To the music of the ten-stringed lyre  
and the melody of the harp.  
For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD;  
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

**Hymn – I Could Sing of Your Love Forever**

**Hymn – Indescribable**

## Scripture - 2 Cor. 5:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

# Prayer of Reconciliation - Voices Together, #888

Leader: Friends in Christ,

God knows our needs before we ask  
and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

We open our lives to God's healing presence,  
seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors.

We are mindful not only of personal evil  
but also of our communal sins of family, class, race and nation.

We confess to God whatever has wounded us  
or brought injury to others,  
that we may receive mercy  
and become for each other ministers of God's grace.

**(silence)**

Leader: Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ,

And Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

**People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.**

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**People: Amen.**

# Announcements

## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,  
maker of all things.

Through your goodness  
you have blessed us with good gifts:  
ourselves, our time,  
our possessions.

We receive these gifts in gratitude  
and offer them to the world  
with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **Scripture – Mark 4:26-34**

### **The Parable of the Growing Seed**

<sup>26</sup> He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

### **The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

<sup>30</sup> Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

**Message – Seeds and Prayer - Duane Beck**

**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 – Build your kingdom here**

### **Benediction**

Go, knowing you are beloved by God.

Go, praising God for the good news in Jesus Christ.

Go, living the message of God's grace, peace and love. Amen.