

Durham Mennonite Church – June 20, 2021

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Hymn - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #37

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy hearts wishes have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
As with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the "Amen" sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him.

Hymn - Praise, I will praise you, Lord #76

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Announcements

Confession of Sin (*from Psalm 9 & Luke 6*)

The Lord sits enthroned forever, he has established his throne for judgment. He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity.

Lord, we confess that we mostly love those who love us, and we love our enemies little. We confess our resentment and rage at those who wrong us, and that we close our hands against those who take from us. We do not treat others as mercifully and generously as we want to be treated; our tongues practice deceit and mischief. We judge and condemn sinners, and we do good and give to those who give to us, like sinners. O Most High God, we need you to be kind to us, the ungrateful and sinful, and forgive us. Open our hearts and hands to your grace, and make us your merciful children after your likeness, O merciful Father. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Be gracious to me, O Lord, so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance. Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion!

Hymn – Marvelous Grace #151

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.**

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

**Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.**

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

**Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?**

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

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 Reading - Luke 6:20-38

20 Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

25 Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Love for Enemies

27 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **29** If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. **30** Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. **31** Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. **33** And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. **34** And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. **35** But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. **36** Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **38** Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Scripture Reading - Psalm 9 & 10

Psalm 9:1-10

1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

3 My enemies turn back;

they stumble and perish before you.

4 For you have upheld my right and my cause,

sitting enthroned as the righteous judge.

5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 Endless ruin has overtaken my enemies,

you have uprooted their cities;

even the memory of them has perished.

7 The Lord reigns forever;

he has established his throne for judgment.

8 He rules the world in righteousness

and judges the peoples with equity.

9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

10 Those who know your name trust in you,

for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

11 Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;

proclaim among the nations what he has done.

12 For he who avenges blood remembers;

he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

13 Lord, see how my enemies persecute me!

Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,

14 that I may declare your praises

in the gates of Daughter Zion,

and there rejoice in your salvation.

15 The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug;

their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.

16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice;

the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.^[c]

17 The wicked go down to the realm of the dead,

all the nations that forget God.

18 But God will never forget the needy;

the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

19 Arise, Lord, do not let mortals triumph;

let the nations be judged in your presence.

20 Strike them with terror, Lord;

let the nations know they are only mortal.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 10

Psalm 10:1-18

1 Why, Lord, do you stand far off?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

2 In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak,

who are caught in the schemes he devises.

3 He boasts about the cravings of his heart;

he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord.

4 In his pride the wicked man does not seek him;

in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

5 His ways are always prosperous;

your laws are rejected by^[b] him;

he sneers at all his enemies.

6 He says to himself, "Nothing will ever shake me."

He swears, "No one will ever do me harm."

7 His mouth is full of lies and threats;

trouble and evil are under his tongue.

8 He lies in wait near the villages;

from ambush he murders the innocent.

His eyes watch in secret for his victims;

9 like a lion in cover he lies in wait.

He lies in wait to catch the helpless;

he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net.

10 His victims are crushed, they collapse;

they fall under his strength.

11 He says to himself, "God will never notice;

he covers his face and never sees."

12 Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God.

Do not forget the helpless.

13 Why does the wicked man revile God?

Why does he say to himself,

"He won't call me to account"?

14 But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted;

you consider their grief and take it in hand.

The victims commit themselves to you;

you are the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break the arm of the wicked man;

call the evildoer to account for his wickedness

that would not otherwise be found out.

16 The Lord is King for ever and ever;

the nations will perish from his land.

17 You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted;

you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,

18 defending the fatherless and the oppressed,

so that mere earthly mortals

will never again strike terror.

Sermon - Spencer Bradford

Reflections and Sharing

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.

Closing Hymn - Take My Life #389

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

**Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.**

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

**Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.**

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

**Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.**

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

**Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

**Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

**Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.**

Benediction

The Lord is king forever and ever,
the Most High is merciful to the ungrateful and wicked.

Rise up, O Lord;

O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed.

The Lord will rise up, and will be your stronghold in times of trouble.