

Durham Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION - PSALM 36:5-10

5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of
your wings.**

**8 They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your
delights.**

**9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your
light we see light.**

**10 O continue your steadfast love to those
who know you, and your salvation to the
upright of heart!**

CALL TO WORSHIP - VT #282 COME AND SEE

**Come and see, come and see,
I am the way and the truth, said he.
Follow me, follow me,
Come as a child, O come and see.**

**Kyrie, kyrie, kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Christe, Christe, adoramus te.
Alleluia, Kyrie eleison.**

HYMN - VT #638 LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVE EXCELLING

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

HYMN - VT #162 THE LOVE OF GOD

**1 The love of God is greater far
than tongue or pen can ever tell;
it goes beyond the highest star,
and reaches to the lowest hell.**

**The wand'ring child is reconciled
by God's beloved Son.**

**The aching soul again made whole,
and priceless pardon won.**

Refrain:

O love of God, how rich and pure!

How measureless and strong!

**It shall forevermore endure—
the saints' and angels' song.**

**2 When ancient time shall pass away,
and human thrones and kingdoms fall;
when those who here refuse to pray
on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
all measureless and strong;
grace will resound the whole earth round—
the saints' and angels' song.**

Refrain:

**O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
the saints' and angels' song.**

**3 Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made;
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
and ev'ryone a scribe by trade;
to write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky.**

Refrain:

**O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
the saints' and angels' song.**

HYMN - VT #619 IN THE RIFTED ROCK I'M RESTING

**1 In the rifted Rock I'm resting,
safely sheltered, I abide.**

**There no foes nor storms assail me,
while within the cleft I hide.**

**Now I'm resting, sweetly resting,
in the cleft once made for me.**

**Jesus, blessed Rock of ages,
I will hide myself in thee.**

**2 Long pursued by sin and Satan,
weary, sad, I longed for rest.**

**Then I found this heav'nly shelter,
opened in my Savior's breast.**

**Now I'm resting, sweetly resting,
in the cleft once made for me.**

**Jesus, blessed Rock of ages,
I will hide myself in thee.**

**3 Peace which passeth understanding,
joy the world can never give,
now in Jesus, I am finding;
in his smiles of love I live.
Now I'm resting, sweetly resting,
in the cleft once made for me.
Jesus, blessed Rock of ages,
I will hide myself in thee.**

**4 In the rifted Rock I'll hide me,
till the storms of life are past,
all secure in this blest refuge,
heeding not the fiercest blast.
Now I'm resting, sweetly resting,
in the cleft once made for me.
Jesus, blessed Rock of ages,
I will hide myself in thee.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - VT#998

**Everlasting God,
in whom we live and move
and have our being:
You have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.
Give us purity of heart
and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us
from knowing your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it,
that in your light we may see clearly
and in your service find perfect freedom,
through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit.
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

May God Bless The Reading of His Word

SCRIPTURE - John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that

had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON - JONATHAN LARSON

LITANY

“A DIALOGUE: THE WEDDING AT CANA”

Tell me, what might one find of beauty in this story of a wedding in Cana?

That a village family has invited Jesus to share their joy.

Say what more you have found.

That though the wine runs out, it need not be the end of dancing and joy.

Pray tell, what else lies there in the story?

That nameless servants consent to do as they are asked, skeptical though they be.

Say more about those servants.

**That they take pains to fill the stone jars -
and to the very brim.**

And the fruit of those pains?

**That their obedience and the teacher's
word produce the bouquet of the
kingdom.**

And might one venture to ask, 'So, what?'

**That Jesus' inner circle senses what has
happened, that there can be no turning
back now.**

And what if anything of lasting import for
us?

**That this came to pass on the 'Third Day',
the sign under which we, too, live our
lives.**

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SHARING PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

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 - VT #297 YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH

**You Are Salt For The Earth, O People,
Salt For The Kingdom Of God!**

**Share The Flavor Of Life, O People:
Life In The Kingdom Of God!**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace;
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

**You Are A Light On The Hill, O People,
Light For The City Of God!**

**Shine So Holy And Bright, O People:
Shine For The Kingdom Of God!**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace;
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

**You Are A Seed Of The Word, O People,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of God!
Seeds Of Mercy And Seeds Of Justice,
Grow In The Kingdom Of God!**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace;
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

**We Are A Blessed And A Pilgrim People,
Bound For The Kingdom Of God!
Love Our Journey And Love Our Homeland:
Love Is The Kingdom Of God!**

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace;
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

SENDING - VT #1054

**The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always. Amen.**