

Durham Mennonite Church

September 7, 2025

Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Worship will begin soon....

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. As your children we yearn for your love, seek your mercy, and want to dwell in your presence always. Help us today in our worship, that we might seek you with our whole heart and be transparent before

you, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Transform us into the people of God that you would have us be. Amen.

INVOCATION SONG - AS WE GATHER

As we gather may your spirit dwell within us.

As we gather may we glorify your name.

**Knowing well that as our hearts
begin to worship,**

We'll be blessed because we came, O Lord.

We'll be blessed because we came.

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Break open our hearts this morning to hear
your word, O God.**

**Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits
restored!**

**Let us drop the things that weigh us down
and let God do something new in our lives.**

Come and let us worship with great joy!

Amen.

Hymn - VT #9 COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY

**Come away from rush and hurry to the
stillness of God's peace;**

**From our vain ambition's worry, come to
Christ and find re-lease.**

**Come away from noise and clamor, life's
demands and frenzied pace;**

**Come to join the people gathered here to
seek and find God's face.**

**In the pastures of God's goodness we lie
down to rest our soul.**

**From the waters of his mercy we drink
deeply, are made whole.**

**At the table of his presence all his saints
are richly fed.**

**With the oil of his anointing into service
we are led.**

HYMN - VT #419 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not**

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

**Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest**

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

**Morning by morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide**

**Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.**

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are not worthy of your love.

Look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion.

Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit any wrongdoings.

(Silent prayer)

**Loving God, you have heard our anxieties,
our vexations, our worries,
our hopes, our dreams. Breathe in us the
spirit of forgiveness, that we may receive
your grace, and may walk in freedom and
glorious hope. In Christ's name, we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.

There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

**The Lord is patient and kind,
generous and good.**

God will not forsake you or leave you.

**Turn to the Lord with confidence
and put your faith in God's great mercy.**

**By the power of Jesus Christ,
we are made whole. Amen.**

HYMN - VT #570 WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD

**1 When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!**

**While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

**2 Ev'ry burden we bear,
ev'ry sorrow we share,
all our toil he doth richly repay.
Even grief, pain, and loss
as we carry a cross
will be blessed as we trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

**3 But we never can prove
the delights of his love,
until all on the altar we lay,
for the favor he shows,
and the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

**4 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way.
What he says we will do,
where he sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way**

**to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.**

SCRIPTURE - PSALM 86:8-13

8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**11 Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

13 For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 6:25-33

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into

the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

SCRIPTURE - LUKE 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one

who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

MESSAGE - KEVIN NICE

“THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP”

**HYMN - VT #561 HERE’S MY LIFE, I LAY
IT DOWN** <https://youtu.be/Ynj7fahRIzY>

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.**

**CLOSING SONG - VT #443 I HAVE
DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS**

**I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.**

**Though none go with me, I still will follow;
Though none go with me, I still will follow;**

**Though none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.**

BENEDICTION (Romans 5)

**Though we were condemned, we have
found pardon.**

**Though death held dominion over our
lives, God's grace and gift of
righteousness now lives and reigns within
us.**

**We are free. We are forgiven. We are
alive in Christ! Amen!**