

Durham Mennonite Church

August 10, 2025



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Worship will begin soon....

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING - VT #865

We light a light

In the name of God who creates life,

In the name of the Savior who loves life,

In the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

GATHERING - VT #868

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep

so God seeks and saves the lost

Like a woman who searches for

a lost coin until it is found

so God rejoices over one lost soul

restored to wholeness

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

So God welcomes us

and lets the past be the past

Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are recieved.

**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice
over one another in the name of Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

OPENING SONG - JESUS IS PRESENT HERE (DR CONGO)

Jesus Christ is present here. (2x)

Jesus Christ is present here with us. (repeat)

Alleluia, O Alleluia

Alleluia, praise the Lord! (repeat)

Let the weary all take heart (2x)

Let the weary all take heart in this hour.

(repeat)

Alleluia ...

HYMN - VT #131

PRAISE, I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD

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!**

HYMN - VT #136 SANTO, SANTO,

SANTO Santo, santo, santo,
mi corazón te adora!

**Mi corazón te sabe decir:
santo eres, Señor.**

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:**

you are holy, Lord.

CONFESSION - WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

**What have we done,
what have we done? (4x)**

Senzeni na, senzeni na? (4x)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow,
do not be silent, but speak, that we may hear.

Speak justice,
that we may correct our lawlessness.

Speak righteousness,
that we may know your ways.

Speak compassion,
that we may know your mercy.

Speak abundance,
that we may serve others.

Speak understanding,
that we may be peacemakers.

Speak glory,
that we may know your Son.
Speak, and we will listen to you.

You promise forgiveness of sins
and fullness of grace
when we speak our shortcomings.

We speak of mistakes we have made.

We speak of abandoning your ways.

We speak of failures
to show compassion and mercy.

We speak of our need for forgiveness.

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow,

hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God will not keep silent, but will gather us
in with the tender words: “You are forgiven.”

Glory to God!

**MAY GOD BLESS THE READING OF HIS
WORD**

SCRIPTURE - ISAIAH 1:1, 10-12

**1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
which he saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham,
Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.**

The Wickedness of Judah

**10 Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!**

**Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!**

**11 What to me is the multitude of your
sacrifices? Says the Lord;**

**I have had enough of burnt offerings of
rams**

and the fat of fed beasts;

**I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.**

**12 When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?**

Trample my courts no more;

SCRIPTURE - PSALM 50:1-8, 22-23

The Acceptable Sacrifice

A Psalm of Asaph.

**1 The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

**3 Our God comes and does not keep
silence,
before him is a devouring fire,**

and a mighty tempest all around him.

4 He calls to the heavens above

and to the earth,

that he may judge his people:

5 “Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by

sacrifice!”

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,

for God himself is judge.

7 “Hear, O my people, and I will speak,

O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

8 Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

your burnt offerings are continually

before me.

22 “Mark this, then, you who forget God,

or I will tear you apart,

and there will be no one to deliver.

23 Those who bring thanksgiving as their

sacrifice honor me;

to those who go the right way

I will show the salvation of God.”

SCRIPTURE - LUKE 12:32-40 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will

come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

MESSAGE - KEVIN NICE

“Live Ready, Don't Afraid, Stay Awake!”

SONG - WE SEEK A CITY

We seek a city, not made with hands.

We seek a city sought in many lands.

We seek a city with an open door.

We seek a city for rich and poor.

We seek a city that grows within.

We seek a city that truth will win.

We seek a city where war will cease.

We seek a city of God's just peace.

We seek a city whose lamp is love.

We seek a city of flower and dove.

We seek a city where a garden grows.

We seek a city where a river flows.

We seek a city whether noon or night.

**We seek a city in fear or delight.
We seek a city in plenty or need.
We seek a city in word and deed.**

**We seek that city, tho' the road be long.
We seek that city borne by a song.
We seek that city whose ramparts call.
We seek that city where Christ is all.**

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 -

GIVE US EYES TO SEE, LORD

**Give us eyes to see, Lord,
All our neighbor's need
Ears to hear, to listen,
Be a friend indeed.**

**Give us hands that quickly,
Learn to heal and mend;
Feet that do not linger,
But hasten to attend.**

**Hearts that share the laughter
O another's bliss,
Lips that utter kindness
Bringing happiness.**

**Thank you, Lord for granting
Gifts with which to bear
One another's burdens;
Thus your love to share.**

SENDING

**As you leave this place,
lift up your eyes to the Lord!
The One who sent Jesus Christ,
as salvation for all the world,
will never desert you.**

**The Lord will keep your going out
and your coming in, from this time forth,
and forevermore.**

Go now in peace, with God's blessing.