

Durham Mennonite Church

June 8, 2025



Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church

Worship will begin soon....

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,

As we stand in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Father, we declare that we love you.

Thank you that you have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ.

We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today as we gather to worship.

Lead us by your Spirit to praise you.

May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim your everlasting greatness. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 57:9-11)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord,

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

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

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Morning by morning, new mercies I see

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

HYMN - VT #163 AMAZING GRACE

1 Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found

Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

**How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**3 Thru many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**4 When we've been there
ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

Confession of Sin

**God of mercy and patience,
Remind us again that our lives
are meant to be gifts to others,
for healing, hope, comfort, peace and love.
Forgive us when we get so caught up
in the details of living
that we neglect to help others in need.
Enlighten us again with your spirit
and your words of healing love.
Caring and sharing are the hallmarks of
discipleship with Jesus Christ. Heal and
forgive us.
Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing;
for it is in Jesus' name, we offer this prayer.
AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**Let God's love and mercy wash over you as
the gentle rains wash over the earth,
bringing promise of new life and hope. Be at
peace. AMEN.**

HYMN - VT #516 JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me this I know
for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong,
they are weak but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so!**

MAY GOD BLESS THE READING OF HIS WORD

SCRIPTURE - HEBREWS 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was

barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not

ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

SCRIPTURE - PHILIPPIANS 1:20-26

It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am

convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

SCRIPTURE - PHILIPPIANS 3:17-21

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21

**He will transform the body of our
humiliation that it may be conformed to
the body of his glory, by the power that
also enables him to make all things subject
to himself.**

MESSAGE - KEVIN NICE

“HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN”

VIDEO - HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzJmZom6>

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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.**

HYMN - TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth
will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

BENEDICTION

Heavenly Father, as we close this time together, we lift our hearts with gratitude for the journey we've been granted, and we know that our true home is with you. We ask for the strength to live with purpose and make a positive impact in this world, knowing that our time here is a precious gift. We also long for the day when we will be with you, rejoicing in the beauty and joy of heaven. Thank you for

**the hope and peace you've given us, and
we anticipate the day when we will be
reunited with you. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen**