

**Durham Mennonite Church**  
**September 21, 2025**



**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

**Worship will begin soon....**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**O Lord, our God, we gather together today, to give you thanks and praise your greatness. We praise your mighty works to the whole world. We praise you for your wonderful deeds. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, your love is never failing. You promised that you will never leave or forsake us. Let us worship you in spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 84:1-8**

### **THE JOY OF WORSHIP IN THE TEMPLE**

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

**<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise. Selah**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**<sup>6</sup>As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD, God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah**

## **HYMN - VT #703 RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN**

**RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,  
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN  
YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.**

**Faithful and true is the word of our God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.  
God's mercy falls on the just and the  
right; full of God's love is the earth.**

**RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,**

**RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,  
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN  
YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.**

**We who revere and find hope in our God  
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.  
God will protect us from darkness and  
death; God will not leave us to starve.**

**RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,  
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN  
YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.**

**God of creation, we long for your truth;  
You are the water of life that we thirst,  
Grant that your love and your peace touch  
our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.**

**RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,**

**RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,  
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN  
YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.**

**HYMN - VT #647 THERE IS A BALM IN  
GILEAD**

**There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.**

**There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**If you can not preach like Peter,  
If you can not pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus  
And say, "He died for all."**

**There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the wounded soul.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**God of healing,  
God of wholeness,  
we bring our brokenness,  
our sinfulness,  
our fears  
and despair,  
and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing,  
God of wholeness,  
we hold out hearts and hands,  
minds and souls  
to feel your touch,  
and know the peace  
that only you can bring.**

**God of healing,**

**God of wholeness,  
this precious moment  
in your presence and power  
grant us faith and confidence  
that here broken lives  
are made whole. Amen.**

**HYMN - VT #707 DONA NOBIS PACEM  
(GRANT US PEACE)**

**Dona nobis pacem, pacem.**

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## **SCRIPTURE - 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7**

**First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the**

**Gentiles in faith and truth.**

**MESSAGE - JONATHAN LARSON**

**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 - VT #710 THIS IS MY SONG**

**This is our song, O God of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and night.  
This is our home.  
The country where our heart is, Here are  
our hopes,**

**our dreams, our holy shrine. But other  
hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as  
ours.**

**This is our prayer, O God of all earth's  
kingdoms,  
Your kingdom come, on earth your will be  
done.**

**O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear our prayer, O God of all the  
nations.**

**Ourselves we give you, let your will be  
done.**

**SENDING - ST. FRANCIS PRAYER (IN  
UNISON)**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your  
peace: where there is hatred, let me sow  
love; where there is injury, pardon; where  
there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there  
is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be  
loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive, it is in  
pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life. Amen.**