

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

February 11, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader – Jon Mark, Music Leader – Carol Detweiler

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (Rom. 11:33,36)

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Opening Songs Hymn #167 – *For God So Loved Us*
Hymn #343 – *My Hope Is Built*
Hymn #565 – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
Roll Away, Roll Away

Confession of Sin and Assurance (*adapted from Jer. 11:1-8*)

Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Woe to anyone who does not heed the words of my covenant.

Holy Lord, we have heard the words of your covenant but we have not done them. You have brought us up out of the land of slavery, calling us persistently, even to this day, to obey your voice. Yet we do not obey. We have not inclined our ear to your voice, but each of us has walked in our stubbornness of will toward evil. Forgive us, Lord, in your patient compassion, and grant that we will have ears to listen and humility to follow you.

I commanded your ancestors when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron-smelter, saying, Listen to my voice, and do all that I command you. So shall you be my people, and I will be your God, that I may perform the oath that I swore to your ancestors, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #599 – *He Leadeth Me*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 7:25-8:15

Jeremiah 11:9-20

Romans 11:7-32

Mark 6:1-6

Sermon *Privilege or Grace*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Testimonies, Sharing and Collected Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory – *Only Grace*

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing Bread and Cup of the Lord's Table

My Jesus I Love Thee

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn #546 – *Guide My Feet*

Sending to Serve

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

2/18: Exodus 9:1-12; Hosea 4:1-10; Romans 1:18-2:8; Mark 8:27-33
Worship Leader, Lowell Tieszen; Music, Aaron Griffith; Preacher, Jon Mark.

2/25: Exodus 9:13-35; Joel 1:1-12; Galatians 5:13-25; Mark 8:34-9:1
Worship Leader, Jon Mark. Music, Kevin Nice

Tuesday, 10:30 am – Quilting at DMC!

This Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:00 pm, Ash Wednesday – Service of Ashes

LENTEN THURSDAYS, Feb. 22, Mar.1, Mar.8, Mar. 15, Mar.22 – PRAYER AND FASTING Services, 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM. Share a time of prayer, hymns, scripture reading and silence together for spiritual renewal in Christ's Spirit.

Sunday, Feb. 25 – Potluck Fellowship Meal after Worship

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7:00 pm - Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living Center.

Thursday, Mar. 29 – Maundy Thursday Supper with Communion and Footwashing.

Friday, Mar. 30 – Prepare and serve supper for 200 at Urban Ministries of Durham.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 9:00 – Potluck Fellowship Breakfast



It is not you that support the root,
but the root that supports you.

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front art: Photo of olive trees in Palestinian West Bank

*Our mission is to restore people to relationships of communion
with God and each other in Christ.*

*We will practice this mission through our worship and witness,
our discipling, fellowship and service*

THE COMMUNION OF THANKSGIVING

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overflowing in loving mercy and steadfast kindness.
Blessed be God, now and forever!**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hills are now united on this table in bread and drink, so Lord, may we be made a true community of your Spirit as your Body on earth, and may your whole people soon be gathered together from across the earth in your Kingdom of holy peace.

Come, Lord Jesus! To you be glory forever!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise to the Lord,
because he is good; his love is eternal.**

Truly, it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to offer our praise, worship, and thanksgiving to you, Almighty and Ever-living God. For your generous creating grace, for redemption from slavery and sin, and for calling your people into obedient love through your law, prophets, and apostles,

Blessed are you, O God, holy and mighty.

For your Son Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer; for his call to faith and peace; for his death and resurrection to bring forgiveness while we were your enemies killing him; for life in his Spirit, free from sin and death; for our communion with him in his Body, and the promise of his return in your full kingdom.

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We praise you, we bless you, we worship and thank you, O Lord our God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this communion, on us gathered here and on these gifts, that the sharing of this bread and cup may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify and fill us with your true presence, that in all our lives we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As we share your presence anew at this table of your giving, let us share your presence with the world in the giving of our lives and selves, in your service for all people. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one in fellowship with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast together at your heavenly table with all your saints. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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