

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader – Jon Mark, Music Leader – Kevin Nice

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship

Sanctify a fast and call a solemn assembly, gather to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace (*from Joel 1:2-12; 2:12-13*)

The word of the Lord: Hear O elders, give ear, all inhabitants of the land! Destruction eats the earth for your sin. The fields are devastated, the ground mourns. The grain is destroyed, the vine withers, the fruit-trees of the field are dried up, and the crops of the field are ruined.

We wake from intoxication with our appetites, and find what we desire is cut off from our consuming. We are oppressed in spirit, for a powerful enemy invades our lives, tearing at us like a beast. It lays waste to the fruit of our lives, it splinters our strengths. Hear our lament, our mourning, and restore to us the food of your house, the grain-offering and drink-offering. Heal us with your mercy, O Lord, and restore our lives to you. Amen.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 9:13- 10:2

Galatians 5:13-25

Mark 8:34-9:1

Sermon *Dying to Know the Story*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Testimonies, Sharing and Collected Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Follow the Spirit in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

3/4: Exodus 10: 1-20; Jer. 8:4-22; Phil. 1:20-2:2; Mark 11:12-14,20-25

Worship Leader, Jackie Carroll-Garcia; Music, Carol Detweiler;

Sermon, Jon Mark

3/11: Exodus 10:21-29; Jer. 3:12-25; Gal. 5:26- 6:10; Mark 9:30-50

Worship Leader, Jon Mark; Music, Cheryl Van Horn

3/18: Exodus 11:1-10; Psalm 38; Romans 7:1-25; Mark 5:1-20

Worship Leader, Renee; Music, Spencer; Sermon, Jon Mark.

3/25: Ps.118; Ex. 12:1-20; Jer.7:1-15; Rom.5:1-11; Mark 11:1-13,15-19

Palm Sunday – Worship Leader, Jon Mark; Music, Aaron Griffith

Today - Potluck Fellowship Meal after Worship

Tuesday, 10:30 am – Quilting at DMC!

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

LENTEN THURSDAYS, Mar.1, 8, 15, 22 – 6:30 –7:00 PM.

PRAYER AND FASTING Services, Share a time of prayer, hymns, scripture and silence together for spiritual renewal in Christ's Spirit.

Saturday, Mar. 17, 9:00 a.m. – Church Retreat Day with Skip Tobin!

Sunday, Mar. 25 – Palm Sunday and CROP Hunger Walk!

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



*Take up your cross
And follow me*

**DURHAM
MENNONITE
CHURCH**

Front Art: Christ Loaded With Cross – Georges Rouault, 1927

*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*