

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

February 4, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader – Sylvia Daniel, Music Leader – Spencer Bradford

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*Jeremiah 33:2-3*)

Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: “Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

Opening Songs – Hymns #41, #108, #524

Confession of Sin and Assurance (*adapted from Jer. 33:4-12*)

Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I have hidden my face from this city because of all their wickedness.

O Lord of hosts, our sins lay waste to our hopes, and our rebellion against your ways leaves us desolate, alone and dying. In our hearts, in our homes, and in our streets, we fear and tremble because our faith is small. But your grace and power for healing is greater than our faults. Show mercy on us, our communities, and your earth; cleanse us, forgive us, and renew us, we pray.

Thus says the Lord: I am going to bring recovery and healing; I will heal you and reveal to you abundance of prosperity and security. I will restore and rebuild my people as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. And this place shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them; they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I will provide. Where there is empty desert, there shall again be pasture for shepherds resting their flocks. There shall once more be heard the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank-offerings to the house of the Lord:

‘Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!’

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #359, *Lead Us, O Father*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 7:8-24

Romans 9:1-29

Mark 1:35- 2:12

Sermon *Hardened and Freed*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music

Testimonies, Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn #419, *Lead On O Cloud*

Sending to Serve

Rise up and go forth, blessed by forgiveness and healing, beloved in God's mercy and compassion. Go in peace.

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom. Pray for her as she serves among refugees in Calais, France, through advocacy, presence, and training in nonviolence.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

2/11: Exodus 7:25-8:15; Jerem. 11:1-20; Rom. 10:20-11:36; Mark 6:1-6
Worship Leader, Jon Mark. Music, Carol Detweiler
Communion at the Lord's Table

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

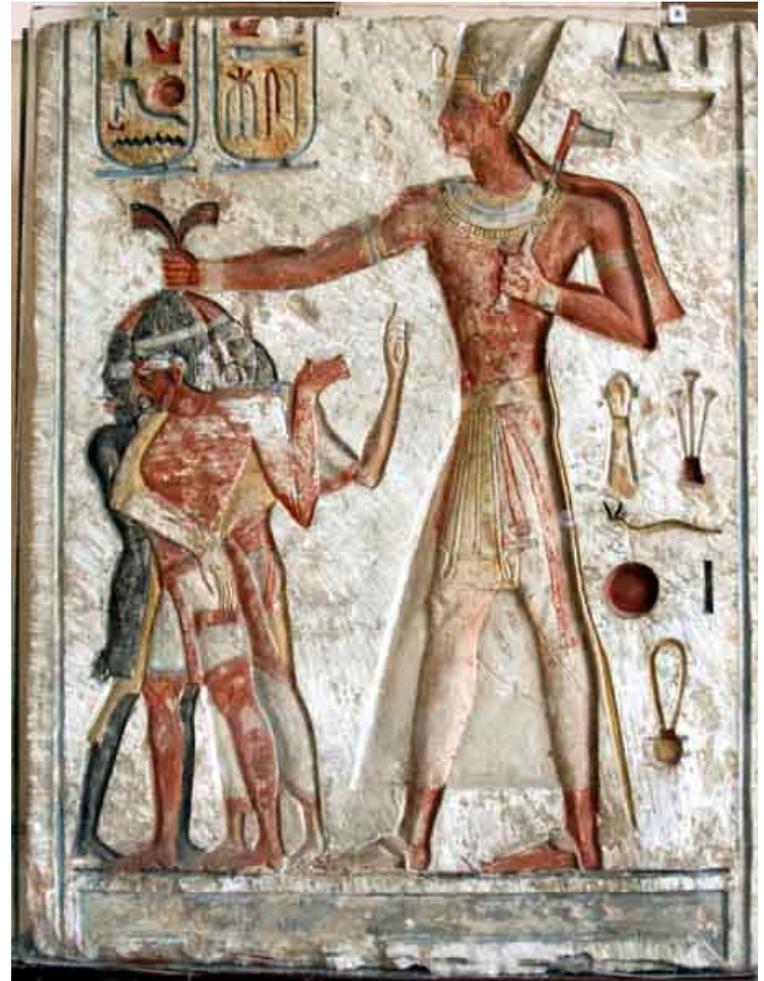
Tuesday, 10:30 am – Quilting at DMC!

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

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.



There shall be blood
throughout the whole land of Egypt

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front art: Pharaoh Rameses II

*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.*