

## Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

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March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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10:30 a.m. Worship Leader – Jon Mark, Music Leader – Cheryl Van Horn

### PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship

If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh;  
**but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.**

Let us sow seeds of love with prayer and song in the Spirit.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace (*adapted from Jer.3:12-25*)

Thus says the Lord: I meant to set you among my children, and give you a pleasant home, and I thought you would call me, My Father, and would not turn from following me. Instead, you have been faithless to me, O house of Israel. I hear a voice on the bare heights, the plaintive weeping of Israel's children, because they have corrupted their way, they have forgotten the Lord their God. Return, O faithless children, and I will heal your faithlessness.

**Here we come to you, for you are the Lord our God. Truly our security is a delusion, and also our self-indulgence. But long has shameful idolatry corrupted our lives and devoured the fruit of your grace. For we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our ancestors, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God. We acknowledge our guilt, that we have rebelled against the Lord our God; we have chased after empty and cruel idols with our broken passions, and have not obeyed God's voice. Truly in the Lord our God alone is our salvation!**

I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. And when you have multiplied and increased in those days, says the Lord, your losses and griefs shall not come to mind, or be remembered, nor joys missed; nor shall you suffer any more. Return, faithless Israel, says the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful; I will not be angry forever. Return, O faithless children, and I will give you unity and peace.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

### HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 10:21-29

Galatians 5:26- 6:10

Mark 9:30-50

Sermon

Spencer Bradford

### RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music

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

Bear one another's burdens. Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Go with grace and peace.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

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

4/1, Easter: Exodus 12:21- 14:31; Ps. 24; Rom. 6:1-14; Mark 15:1- 16:8

Worship Leader, Aaron Griffith; Music, Kevin Nice

Tuesday, 10:30 am – Quilting at DMC!

**LENTEN THURSDAYS, Mar. 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.**

**This Saturday, Mar. 17, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 pm – Church Retreat Day with Skip Tobin, with lunch together.**

**Sunday, Mar. 25 – Palm Sunday and CROP Hunger Walk (2 pm)!**

**Thursday, Mar. 29, 6:00-8:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Supper with Communion and Footwashing.**

**Friday, Mar. 30 – Prepare and serve supper for 200 at Urban Ministries of Durham. Prep 2:30-5:30 pm, Serve 5:30-7:00 pm. NOTE – serving will be an hour earlier than usual due to the Good Friday holy day.**

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

**Praying for Missions:** Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.

**Happy Birthdays to Bonnie Barry (3/8) and Cheryl Van Horn (3/11)!**



*Whoever wants to be first  
must be last of all  
and servant of all*

***DURHAM  
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CHURCH***

*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*