

Durham Mennonite Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. Worship & Music Leader – Spencer Bradford

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship

Come, hear and praise how much the Lord has done for you!

What mercy the Lord has shown!

Opening Songs

Hymnal #74 – *We Would Extol Thee*

Hymnal #377 – *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Hymnal #100 – *Praise Him, Praise Him*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace– Psalm 38, & Psalm 37:4-6

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath.

**For your arrows have sunk into me,
and your hand has come down on me.**

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

**For my iniquities have gone over my head;
they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.**

My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness;

**I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
all day long I go around mourning.**

For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.

**I am utterly spent and crushed;
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.**

O Lord, all my longing is known to you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

**My heart throbs, my strength fails me;
as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.**

My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction,
and my neighbors stand far off.

**Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek to hurt me
speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all day long.**

But I am like the deaf, I do not hear; like the mute, who cannot speak.

**Truly, I am like one who does not hear,
and in whose mouth is no retort.**

But it is for you, O Lord, that I wait; it is you, O Lord my God,
who will answer.

**For I pray, “Only do not let them rejoice over me, those who boast
against me when my foot slips.”**

For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me.

I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Those who are my foes without cause are mighty, and many are those
who hate me wrongfully.

**Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries
because I follow after good.**

Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me;

Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 11:1-10

Romans 7:1-25

Mark 5:1-20

Sermon

Jon Mark

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 #418 – *Move in Our Midst*

Sending to Serve

My friends, you belong to Christ, who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. Go in peace, to tell how much the Lord has done for you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

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

4/8: Exodus 15: 1-21; Psalm 46; Romans 8: 18-25; Mark 4: 35-41

Tuesday, 10:30 am – Quilting at DMC!

LENTEN THURSDAYS, Mar. 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.

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: Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

Happy Anniversary to Kevin and Marcia Nice (3/28)!



Go and Tell

How Much the Lord Has Done for You

DURHAM MENNONITE 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*