

## Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

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March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

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9:30 a.m. – Bible Study

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

### PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,**

**that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

**The Lord is God, and he has given us light.**

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**

**you are my God, I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance (adapted from Jeremiah 7:1-15)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the

Lord.' Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know I am watching, says the Lord. Go see where I have dwelt before, and the ruin I have made there for the wickedness of my people Israel. See if you also are not cast out if you persist in doing the same things, if when I call you, you do not listen or answer.

**We confess, O Lord, we have trusted in empty words that deceive even ourselves. We have come and stood before you in your house, called by your name, and celebrated our safety, only to continue in rebellion against you. We confess that in thought, word or deed, we have gone after false gods, and given our lives and resources to idols, instead of following your voice and instruction. In our actions or our hearts, we have deceived with lies, murdered, and committed adultery. We confess and offer ourselves to you, O Lord.**

The Lord says, if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you act truly justly one with another, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, and make my home with you forever and ever.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

### HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 12:1-20

Romans 5:1-11

Mark 11:1-19

Sermon

Spencer Bradford

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

Word Made Music – *House of Peace*

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

Hosanna!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

May the Lord be your strength and your might,  
your salvation and your light, supply you with all goodness,  
and show steadfast love to you forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

4/1, Easter: Exodus 12:21- 14:31; Ps. 24; Rom. 6:1-14; Mark 15:1- 16:8  
Worship Leader, Renee Collins Bradford; Music, Aaron Griffith  
4/8: Exodus 15:1-21; Psalm 46; Romans 8:18-25; Mark 4:35-41

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

**Tuesday, 10:30 am – Quilting at DMC!**

**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, soon after Deb Byler began a Mennonite Mission Network assignment in Guatemala, she had a medical emergency that necessitated surgery in Chicago. Pray for health and energy for Deb as she prepares to return to work with women’s leadership development in the Kekchi Mennonite Church.

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

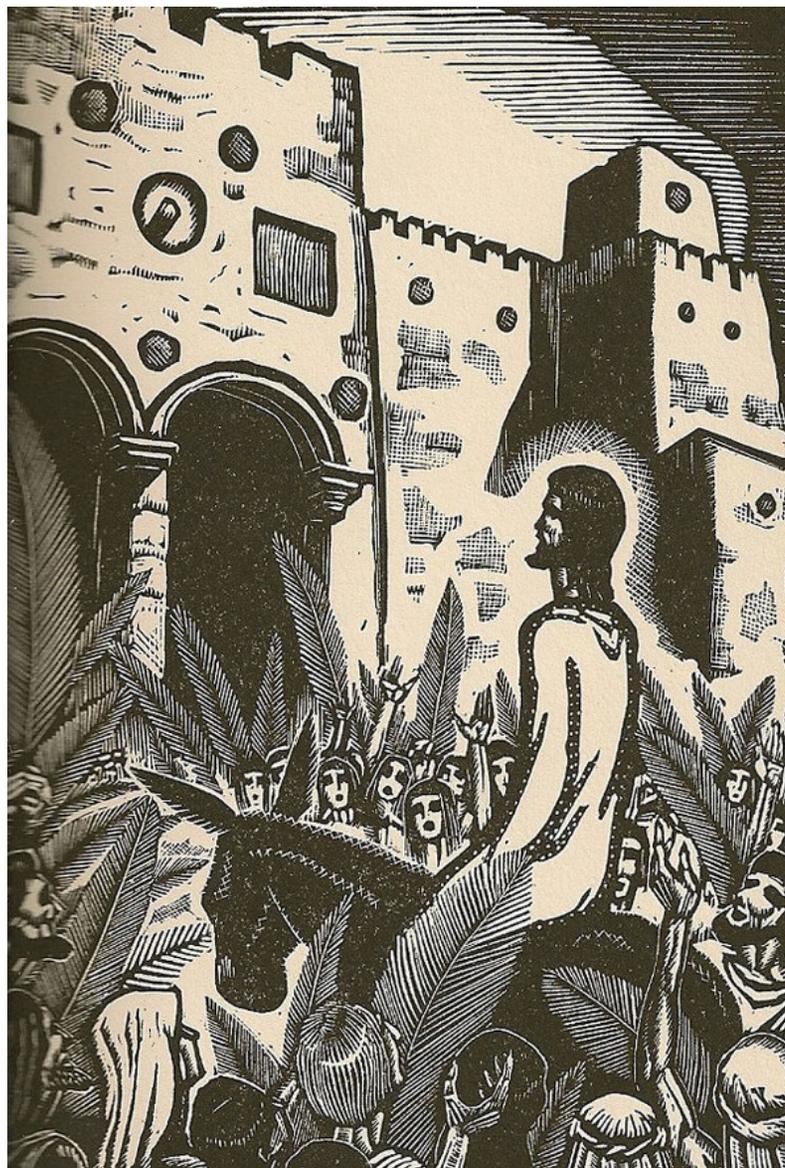
**Saturday, Mar. 31, 5:00 pm - Vigil for Darelle Marquis Harper.** The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham joins the loved ones of Darelle Marquis Harper in a vigil to honor his life. We will gather in the parking lot of Colonial Tire (2105 NC Highway 54), where Mr. Harper was fatally shot on January 30, 2018. We gather in vigil to honor his life and legacy, to offer comfort to his family and friends, and to bear witness to the peace among us. Rev. Breana van Velzen (Duke Chapel) will lead in prayer and reflection. All ages and faiths are welcome.

**Saturday, April 21, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm: Workday on building and grounds!**

*Front art: “Triumphal Entry,” James Reid, 1930*

*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.*



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