

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Renee Collins Bradford, Music: Aaron Griffith

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*Ephesians 5:18-20*)

Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin (*from Ephesians 5:3-17*)

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

We confess, O God, our disobedience, and our attraction to empty words of deceit. We confess our impurity, we confess our greed, we confess our idolatry of money, and we confess our abusive language. Nothing comes of such things but death. Lead us out of such works of darkness into your light, and shine your light upon us. Let your light be seen visibly in our lives. Awaken us from death and raise us into your light, with thanksgiving, through Christ our Lord.

‘ Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Desire to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 8:6-9:17

1 Kings 18:17-46

John 12:20-36

Sermon – *The Sacrifice God Accepts*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music

Testimonies and Sharing

Collected Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offertory and Offering

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve (*Ephesians 5:1-2*)

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Genesis 49:8-12; 1 Kings 1:5-53; Ezekiel 19:10-14; Rev. 11:15-19; John 11:45 -12:19

Happy Birthday to Renee Collins Bradford (4/4) and Vernando Garcia-Carrol (4/8)!

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Beginning on Thursday of this week, local leaders of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program will gather in Tucson, Arizona, for four days of worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit's unity in relationships and in purpose.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – Quilting at Durham Mennonite

Today, April 2, Hot Dog Lunch after Morning Worship,

CROP Walk at 2:00 pm, begins at Duke Chapel.

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins. Jonathan Kuttub preaches.

April 13, Maundy Thursday Love Feast with Footwashing, 6:00-8:00 pm.

April 14, Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness, 7:00 pm.

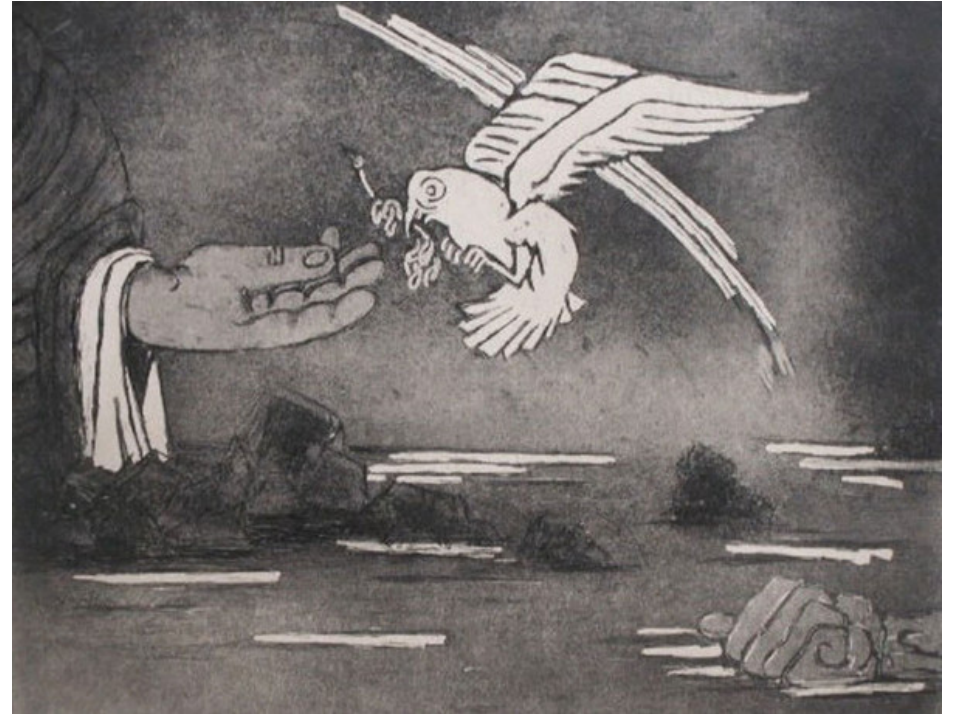
April 16, Easter Breakfast Potluck, 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers from our Eastern Carolina District of Mennonite churches will be working on a Mennonite Disaster Service team in Princeville, NC, for rebuilding and renovating flood-damaged homes during the last week of April, 4/24- 4/29.

Today, April 2, 2:00 pm - Durham CROP Hunger Walk -- Help hundreds of others in Durham in raising \$200,000 for poverty relief and refugee assistance around the world and here in Durham! Learn more and register at cropwalkdurham@gmail.com and <http://durhamcropwalk.org/>

This Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm at Raleigh Mennonite Church – “Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace,” featuring representatives of the Triangle Jewish Voice for Peace and Jonathan Kuttab.

Jonathan Kuttab is a leading human rights lawyer in Israel and Palestine. He was born in West Jerusalem, but after the Six Day War, his family moved to the United States. He graduated from Messiah College and the University of Virginia School of Law. After practicing with a Wall Street law firm for several years, he returned home to co-found the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence, Al-Haq (lawyers and others who assist with human rights issues), and the Mandela Institute for Political Prisoners. He is licensed to practice law in Palestine, Israel, and New York, and is also Chairman of the Board of Bethlehem Bible College, and of the Holy Land Trust, as well as many other civil society and Christian organizations in Palestine and internationally.



*Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front Art: “Noah and Dove” – Ben-Zion

*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, witness,
discipling, fellowship and service.*

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