

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Jackie Carroll-Garcia, Music: Carol Detweiler

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (from Psalm 8)

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have established a bulwark against your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Opening Songs

Come Thou Almighty King – Hymnal #41

This Is My Father's World – Hymnal #154

This Little Light of Mine – Hymnal #401

Affirmation of Calling (from Colossians 1:3-9)

Let us in prayer for one another always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

For faith in Christ Jesus, and love for all the saints to share, and for the hope laid up for us in heaven.

You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you.

This gospel hope is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, and has been bearing fruit among us from the day we heard and embraced the grace of God.

Your beloved fellow-servants, faithful ministers of Christ on your behalf, make known to others your love in the Spirit, and you have brothers and sisters who do not cease from praying for you.

Now as people sustained by prayer for one another and by the grace of God, let us share signs of peace and grace with one another.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #156 - *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

2 Kings 6:8-23

Ezekiel 47:6-10

John 21:1-14

Sermon – *Eyes Opened*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord – Hymnal #151

Testimonies to the Word

Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn #71 - *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Sending to Serve (*Colossians 1:9b-12*)

May you be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Song 1:15- 2:7; Ezekiel 34:1-14; 1John 4:7-12, 16b-21; John 21:15-25

Next Sunday: Worship Leader, Aaron Griffith; Music, Eddith Ohando

Pray for Mennonite Missions: The Centro de Estudios, a ministry of the Spanish-speaking Mennonite congregations in Uruguay, develops church leaders and strengthens their Anabaptist identity. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for this mobile study program that travels to bivocational leaders' locations and permits them to study evenings after work.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

Happy Anniversary to Kevin and Marcia Nice (5/2)!

Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 pm – Elders Meeting at Bradfords.

Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. – Singing at Carver Assisted Living dining room for Tom Weaver and other guests.

This Saturday, May 6, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. – DMC Workday on building and grounds.

Sunday, June 4 – Potluck fellowship meal after lunch, with program on denominational connections and church polity.



*Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them,
and did the same with the fish.*

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front Art: "Loaves and Fishes" John August Swanson, 2003

*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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