

Durham Mennonite Church

603 Lynn Road Durham NC 27703 → Telephone (919) 766-0604 (Rom. 6:4)
ecumenno@gmail.com, www.durhammennonite.org

Pastor: Spencer Bradford

Elders: Jackie Carroll-Garcia, Eliza Griffith, Cheryl Van Horn

A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Aaron Griffith Music: Eddith Ohando and Spencer

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (from Revelation 11:15-17)

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.

We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

Opening Songs

Insert – *There Shall be Showers of Blessing, Count Your Blessings*
Hymnal #102 – *To God Be the Glory*

Confession of Sin

O Lord, open the gates of our hearts, so that you may enter in with your kingdom to reign.

O Lord and Master of my life, take from my heart rule by idols -- the spirit of sloth, despair, lust for power and pleasure, and the idle talk that demeans others. Remove such and give in their place the spirit of simplicity, humility, patience, and love, that I may live as your servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother, for you give blessings and grace forever.

God of strength and mercy, by the suffering and death of your Son, free us from slavery to sin and death and protect us in all our weakness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #239 – *Ride On, Ride on*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 49:9-12

1 Kings 1:28-40

Ezekiel 19:10-14

John 11:45 -12:19

Sermon

Jonathan Kuttab

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music – *Pie Jesu (Holy Jesus)*

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 – Sing the Story #75, *Blessed Be the Name*

Sending to Serve

Christ goes before us up to the cross. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Let us follow him in faith, and go in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Genesis 22: 1-19; Psalm 27; Romans 5: 12-21; John 18: 1- 19: 42
Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 34; Revelation 1: 4-18; John 20: 1-18

Happy Birthday to Marcia Nice (4/18) and Eddie Ohando (4/19)!

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Ministries among refugees are a significant part of Mennonite Mission Network's engagement in Australia, Turkey, the United States, Southeast Asia, and Western Europe. Pray for peace in the world, safe places for all people, and that mission workers will continue to share Jesus' love in culturally appropriate ways.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

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

Bring fruit or bread. Soups will be provided.

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

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

Bring a favorite breakfast dish. No Sunday School. Worship at 10:30 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.

Our preacher today:

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.

Join Trinity School and World Relief for “Welcoming the Stranger” a biblical response to the global refugee crisis with Matthew Soerens of World Relief and co-author of Seeking Refuge: On the Shores of Global Refugee Crisis. Event will be held on April 11th at 7:00 p.m. on Trinity’s campus 4011 Pickett Road, Durham. Event is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 18, 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - DCIA Assembly Lunch at Eno River Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 4907 Garrett Rd. "Strong Fathers" Program Presentation by Kathryn Bauman, Executive Director of Behavioral Insights. Learn about a successful model of parenting intervention in our community that changes cycles of abuse and violence across generations. Lunch for \$7.

ReCity presents: Race & the City A Community Forum with Sho Baraka. April 20th 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at ReCity 112 Broadway St, Durham, NC. An honest conversation on race and it's impact around our nation and in our communities: past, present, and future. Nationally renowned rapper Sho Baraka will be the guest speaker, unpacking his song "Myhood, USA, 1937" featured on his album "The Narrative." Main session will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A with local community leaders. Sponsored by Re-City, a ministry for urban youth outreach.

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, witness, discipling, fellowship and service.

www.durhammennonite.org



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**