

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

August 27, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Jackie Carroll-Garcia; Music, Aaron Griffith

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship – Hymnal #663

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance (*adapted from Revelation 3:14-22*)

Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches: 'I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.'

Lord, we deceive ourselves in our self-sufficiency. We believe we are rich, we have prospered, and we need nothing that is outside our power. We forget that before you, Lord, we are wretched, weak, poor, blind, and naked. We need your true gold of grace, refined by the fire of sacrifice, to be truly rich. We need your white robes of faithful trust to clothe our lives and be our security. We need your anointing for our eyes to be able to see truly with your love. We need you; receive our prayer, and receive us!

These are words of Jesus, the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation: 'I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who overcomes, I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.'

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 32:22- 33:11

2 Samuel 5:3-12

John 9:1-41

Sermon

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music

Testimonies, Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn #545 – *Be Thou My Vision*

Sending to Serve (*adapted from Luke 2:29-32*)

O Master, now dismiss your servants to depart in peace, according to your word. For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people – a light of revelation to the nations, and of glory to your people Israel. Let us depart in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

For 9/3: Ezekiel 34:15-31; Psalm 23; 1John 3:16-24; John 10:1-18
Worship Leader, Renee Collins Bradford; Music, Aaron Griffith.

For 9/10: Genesis 35:9-20; 2Kings 4:1-37; Eph. 2:1-10; John 4:43-54
Worship Leader, Lowell Tieszen; Music, Kevin Nice

For 9/17: Mal.2:4-16; Songs 5:9- 6:10; Eph.5:21-6:4; John 2:1-12
Worship Leader, Sylvia Daniel; Music, Carol Detweiler

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served Mennonite Mission Network in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

Today, August 27 – Fellowship Potluck after Worship

Wednesday, August 30 - Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living

Friday, Sept. 29 – DMC prepares and serves supper for 200 at Urban Ministries of Durham.

Happy Birthday to Mary Jayala (8/31)!



*"I am the Light of the World.
Whoever follows me
will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."*

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front Image: Cape Hatteras Lighthouse at twilight.

*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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