

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Aaron Griffith, Music: Anna Showalter

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (from Jude 2-3)

You are called in the Holy Spirit, you are beloved by God the Father, and kept safe for Jesus Christ. May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. Let us worship.

Opening Songs

Sing the Story #109 – *Blessing and Honor*

Sing the Journey #68 – *O God in Heaven*

Sing the Journey #47 – *O Lord, Have Mercy*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace

Thus says the Lord, Humble yourselves before your enemies, for I am restoring you with your enemies so you will know you are more guilty than those you judge and condemn, and so they will be consoled.

Forgive us, Lord, for we have condemned others and yet been guilty ourselves. Like those we condemn, we have been haughty, lustful and impure. We have been proud, over-filled with food and leisure from our prosperity, and yet hardened toward the poor and needy.

Cleanse and reconcile us, O Lord. Restore us, not to past pride, but to humility with our neighbors and faith toward you.

Thus says the Lord God: I will deal with you as you have broken my covenant, yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish with you an everlasting covenant. You will remember your ways when I reconcile you with your enemies whom you despise, when I share my covenant with them and you. You will not be exalted but humbled, when I forgive you all that you have done, says the Lord God.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #370 – *O Day of God*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 18:16- 19:29

Ezekiel 16:44-63

Jude 1-23

John 8:21-30

Sermon *Prayers for Mercy*

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, Sing the Journey #73 – *The Lord Lift You Up*

Sending to Serve (from Jude 20-22)

Walk with mercy toward others, beloved. Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Genesis 21:1-21; 2 Kings 5:1-27; Revelation 7:9-17; John 7:37-52

Next Worship Leader: Lowell Tieszen; Music: Carol Detweiler

Pray for Mennonite Missions: David and Rebekka Stutzman serve in post-Christian Germany through Mennonite Mission Network, South German Mennonite Conference, and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for them as they join people on their life journeys and find relevant ways of being the church.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study at Ruby Batten's.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. – Church Council

Wednesday, Feb.22, 7:00 p.m. – Hymn singing at Carver Assisted Living Center.

Wednesday, Mar. 1, 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday service.

Saturday, Mar. 4, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm – Workday on DMC building & grounds.

Sunday, March 5, Communion at Morning Worship, with Potluck Fellowship after.

Friday, March 17, Fellowship & music evening at DMC. St. Patrick's Day cookies?

Friday, Mar. 31 – Prep and serve supper for 200 at Urban Ministries of Durham.

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

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

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, 8:30 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.

Happy Birthday to Sylvia Daniel (2/16) and Joyce Pusel (2/17)!!

Ministerial Alliance Town Hall Meeting: Crime, Health, and Social Determinants, Monday, Feb 20, Fisher Memorial United Holy Church, 420 E Piedmont Ave, Durham, NC, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The topic of discussion is Crime in the Community and how the faith community must lead and be a part of a healing and coming together. This Town Hall meeting is a continuation of the discussion of Cure Violence as presented by the Durham Health Department. Features DSS Director Michael Beckett, Durham Housing Authority Director Anthony Scott, and DPD Asst. Chief Anthony Marsh.

Sunday, 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/>



Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?

Front Art: "Descent Toward Sodom" – Marc Chagall

*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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