

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Lowell Tieszen, Music: Carol Detweiler

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (from Revelation 7:10-12)

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**We confess to you, our Maker and Redeemer, that we heed your
instruction selectively. Like Naaman, we esteem our own rivers and
resources to be more reliable than your call to your river of love.
Like Gehazi, we build up our own assets rather than your mission.
Like those of Jesus' day, we dismiss your message when it comes
from disreputable and small locations. In this weakness of faith, our
skin shrivels, our mouth is parched, we become dusty and grimy.
Cleanse and heal us with waters from your Spirit of life.**

Assurance of Grace – Sing the Story #162

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymns

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 21:1-21

God provides a well of water to Hagar and Ishmael

2 Kings 5:1-27

God provides healing through Jordan River waters for Naaman

Hymns

Revelation 7:9-17

*The promise of waters of life for more than Naaman,
And of comfort from tears for more than Hagar.*

John 7:37-52

Rivers of Living Water for the thirsty

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

Drink deeply from Christ, and let his Spirit's living water flow through
you to your world. Go in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Genesis 2:4-3:24; Ezekiel 33:10-20; 1 John 1:8- 2:6; John 8:1-11

Next Worship Leader: ; Music:

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Praise God for the teaching ministries of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, serving through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. Pray that he will find a teaching ministry in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

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

This Saturday, Mar. 4, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm –

Workday on DMC building & grounds.

**Next 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, 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.

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/>



*The Lamb will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

Front Art: "River of Life" – Deborah Brown Maher

*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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