

## Durham Mennonite Church

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**A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA**

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July 23, 2017

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**9:30 a.m.** Bible Study

**10:30 a.m.** Worship Leader: Jackie Carroll-Garcia, Music: Eddith Ogala

### PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*from Rev. 4*)

Let all living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to God,  
who is seated on the throne of heaven, who lives forever and ever.

**You are worthy, our Lord and God,**

**to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come. Amen.**

Opening Hymns

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace

Hymn #527 – *Lord Jesus, Think On Me*

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Infant Dedication for Evelyn Griffith (*back of bulletin*)

Hymn – Sing the Journey #106, *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

### HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 28:10-22

Ezekiel 1:1-28

Revelation 4:1-11

John 6:16-21

Sermon – *The Lord in This Place* Spencer Bradford

### RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music – Hymn #167, *For God So Loved Us*

Testimonies, Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

### RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Sing the Journey #14, *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

Sending to Serve

Know that the Lord God is with you and will keep you wherever you go,  
and will bring you back to his house and through his gates; for God will  
not leave you, the Lord will do what he has promised you.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

For 7/30: Gen. 29: 1-30; Ruth 1: 1-22; Colossians 4:2-9; John 6:23-35

Worship Leader, Lowell Tieszen; Music, Cheryl Van Horn

**Pray for Mennonite Missions:** Tomorrow, Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture participants from Northern Ireland will arrive in Detroit to work with host congregation, Community Christian Fellowship. Pray for them as they do house repairs, prepare meals in a soup kitchen, work at a homeless shelter, and interact with neighborhood children.

### Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

**Wednesday, July 26, 7:00 pm – Church Council at Bradfords**

**Thursday, July 27, 12:00 noon – Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham luncheon at Shepherd's House United Methodist Church (E. Main and Driver St.)**

**Next Sunday, July 30 – Communion, Fellowship Potluck**

**Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 pm – Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living**

**Tuesday, August 15, 5:45 pm – DCIA Supper at Epworth United Methodist Church, Durham Police Chief C.J. Davis speaks.**

**Saturday, August 19 – 7 PM Ice Cream Social at Tieszens**

**Sunday, August 27 – Fellowship Potluck after Worship**

### **Child Dedication Pledges**

Do you, Eliza and Aaron, welcome God's good gift of Evelyn in your life's midst?

**We do.**

Do you pledge, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to live your lives, in word and deed, in thought and spirit, in priorities and habits, so that you may nurture and care for Evelyn as a beacon light of Christian life?

**We do.**

Do you pledge to teach Evelyn, by word and example, the love of God in Jesus Christ, that she may be opened to the Holy Spirit to offer her life in faith to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do you welcome the community of faith as your extended household, for assistance and support and guidance in the building of your family life in God's presence?

**We do.**

Do you promise to give Evelyn to the service and mission God has prepared for her, to follow Jesus wherever he leads, even to the ends of the earth?

#### *Pledge of Congregation*

Do you as the church, the household of faith for this family, offer yourselves to Evelyn, Aaron and Eliza, during their time with us, for assistance, support, and guidance in building lives of faith before God?

**We do.**

Do you as the church welcome Evelyn for fellowship and nurture in the knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ, by your prayers, example, words and service?

**We do.**

Do you as the church take up responsibility for Evelyn's well-being during her days with us, guiding and sustaining him to the grace and truth that are in Christ Jesus?

**We do.**

#### *Prayer and Blessing for Evelyn*



# ***DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH***

*Front Image: Jesus Walking on Water – Clive Morton*

*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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### Call to Dedication

Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me," and "If anyone would be part God's kingdom, they must become as a little child." Jesus defined his kingdom as a community in which all, even the weakest, have value, and all, even the smallest, have hope. We are called to be a community of faith, hope, and generosity, open to new perspective and visions from the young and strangers, to build upon our foundation and lead us further in Christ's way. We are called to be children of God, enthusiastic about our life with new friends, with brothers and sisters, joyful and at home with one another. Children sent to us are a sign of hope, of God's provision and promise. They are also a sign, Jesus taught, of the openness and expectancy required of his followers. So we thank God for these children in our midst.

### *Pledges*

#### Prayer

God of eternal love and grace, who has shown us in Christ's love for us, your way of love toward all children: We thankfully receive Evelyn today as your good gift, and accept her in humble gratitude, to care for, to nurture, and to instruct her toward full commitment and participation in your kingdom. Sustain and strengthen this family, in the journey begun, with joy and compassion and patient wisdom, as they grow to love truth and mercy, grace and excellence, with your Spirit in the midst of your servant people. Enlighten us by your Spirit to be faithful in this ministry, that Evelyn may also be enlightened and enlivened to walk forever in faith with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Blessing

What name is given to this child?

Evelyn, we welcome you to our household here. We offer ourselves to you with love. I commend you to the care of the community of the Holy Spirit, to grow in knowledge of God and the ways of Christ.

May God the Father, who adopts us as his children in baptism, grant you grace.

May God the Son, who called all who followed him in faith his family, fill you with love.

May God the Spirit, who has made the church one family of one Blood and around a common Table, keep you in peace. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.