

## Durham Mennonite Church

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

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

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**July 30, 2017**

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

**10:30 a.m.** Worship Leader: Lowell Tieszen, Music: Rebekah Ackerman

### **PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US**

Call to Worship

Opening Hymns

Confession of Sin – Sing the Story #172

Assurance of Grace – Sing the Story#175

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #8 – *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

### **HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD**

Genesis 29:1-30

Ruth 1:1-22

John 6:23-51

Sermon – *Hunger for Food Eternal*                      Spencer Bradford

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

Word Made Music (*Communion Video*)

Testimonies, Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

Communion Prayers of Thanksgiving

Sharing Bread and Cup at the Lord's Table

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

Closing Hymn #143 – *Amazing Grace*

Sending to Serve (*from Colossians 4:2-6*)

Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. Pray as well that God will open doors for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ and reveal it clearly, as we should.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*For 8/6: Gen.29:31-30:28; Ruth 2:1-23; Rev. 14:14-20; John 6:52-69*  
Worship Leader, Eliza Griffith; Music, Aaron Griffith

*For 8/13: Gen.31:1-55; Ruth 3:1-4:17; Philemon 4-21; John 16:16-33*  
Worship Leader, Aaron Griffith; Music, Carol Detweiler

*For 8/20: Gen.32:1-21; Song of Songs 3:1-4; 1Jn.4:7-12,16b-21;*  
*2Jn 1:1-9; John 13:31-35*  
Worship Leader, Sylvia Daniel; Music, Kevin Nice

*For 8/27: Gen.32:22- 33:11; 2Sam. 5:3-12; Rev.3:14-22; John 9:1-41*  
Worship Leader, Jackie Carroll-Garcia; Music, Eddith Ogala

**Pray for Mennonite Missions:** Mennonite Mission Network's Missional Discipleship Initiative uses small groups to encourage spiritual growth in congregations. Because of its relational nature, transformation spreads to the entire church. Pray for Marvin Lorenzana, the coordinator, and all who open themselves to the Holy Spirit's work through this ministry.

### **Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:**

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

**Today, July 30 – Fellowship Potluck Meal after Worship**

**Saturday, August 12, 8:30-12:00 – Volunteer Workday on building and grounds**

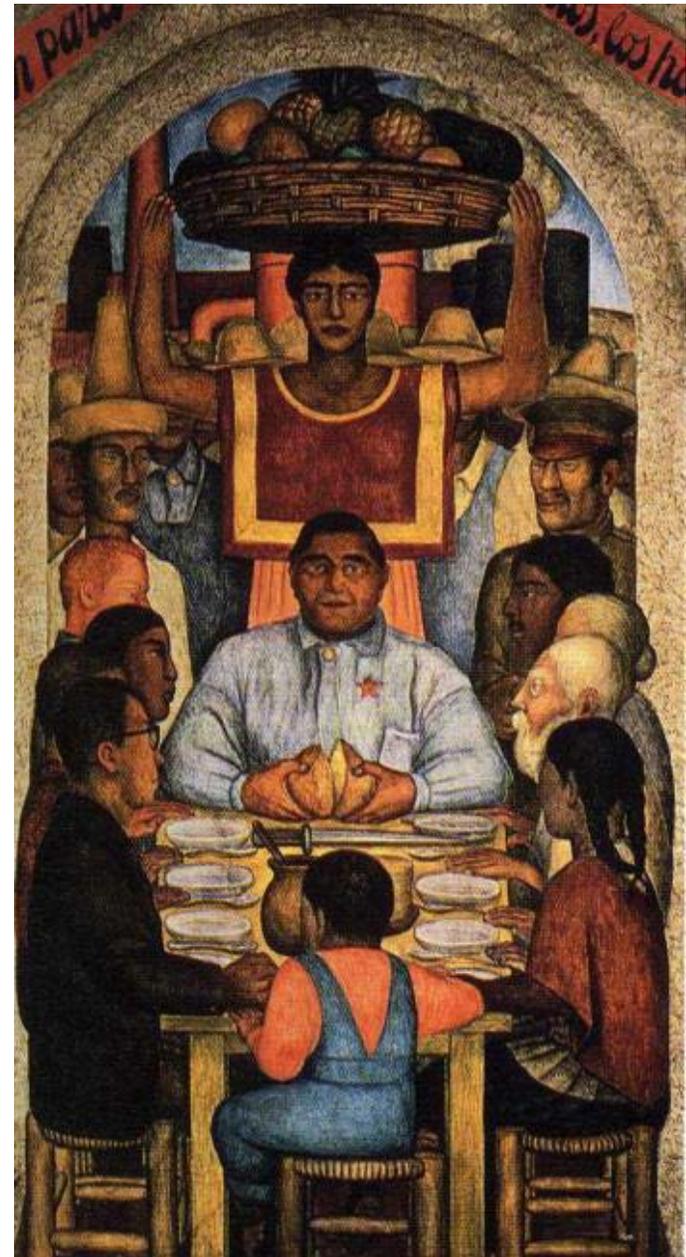
**Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 pm – Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living**

**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**

**Happy Birthday to Jacob Jayala (8/2), Emily Robie (8/9), and Tom Weaver (8/10)!**



*Front Image: Our Bread – Diego Rivera, 1928*

*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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overflowing in loving mercy and steadfast kindness.  
Blessed be God, now and forever!**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hills are now united on this table in bread and drink, so Lord, may we be made a true community of your Spirit as your Body on earth, and may your whole people soon be gathered together from across the earth in your Kingdom of holy peace.

**Come, Lord Jesus! To you be glory forever!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise to the Lord,  
because he is good; his love is eternal.**

Truly, it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to offer our praise, worship, and thanksgiving to you, Almighty and Ever-living God. For your generous creating grace, for redemption from slavery and sin, for sustaining us with manna, and for calling your people into obedient love through your law, prophets, and apostles,

**Blessed are you, O God, holy and mighty.**

For your Son Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer; for his call to faith and peace; for his death and resurrection to bring forgiveness while we were your enemies killing him; for life in his Spirit, free from sin and death; for our communion with him in his Body as Living Bread, and the promise of his return in your full kingdom.

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**We praise you, we bless you, we worship and thank you, O Lord our God.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this communion, on us gathered here and on these gifts, that the sharing of this bread and cup may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify and fill us with your true presence, that in all our lives we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As we share your presence anew at this table of your giving, let us share your presence with the world in the giving of our lives and selves, in your service for all people. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one in fellowship with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast together at your heavenly wedding banquet with all your saints. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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