

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Pentecost

June 4, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

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

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (from 1 John 4)

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace (from Ezekiel 36:22-38)

Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

We confess, Lord God, our disobedience has profaned your name – we use your name for our priorities, and we demean you. We have polluted your work in the world by our idols, and in worshiping empty things without life, we become dead things with hearts of stone. We confess our evil ways, and dealings full of compromise and coveting. We loathe our iniquities and our abominable deeds. Our ways make us ashamed and dismayed, O Lord. Cleanse us, make us alive and holy in your Spirit, that our repentance may glorify you. [Silence]

Thus says the Lord God: I will sanctify my great name, which you have profaned among the nations, and the nations shall know that I am the Lord when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. I will save you from all your uncleanness, and on the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the ruined towns to be inhabited and filled with flocks of people, the desolate fields to be fortified, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. I will summon the grain and make it abundant and I will make the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field abundant, and then the nations all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was desolate. They shall know that I am the Lord, that I have spoken and I will do it.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 11:1-9

1 John 4:1-6, 13-16

John 15:26-16:15

Sermon

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Testimonies to the Word

Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

Church Covenant (*see insert*)

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (*see insert*)

Sharing of Bread and Cup at the Lord's Table

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve, Hymnal #768

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ezekiel 43:1-9; Revelation 21:9-27; 1John 5:6-12; John 3:31-36

Next Sunday: Worship Leader, Aaron Griffith; Music, Carol Detweiler

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Mary Beyler began her ministry with Mennonite Mission Network in Kushiro, Japan, in 1974. Now, after working many years in Obihiro, she has returned to Kushiro for the final term of her mission career. Praise God for the relationships she has built for more than four decades, and pray for much joy as she serves.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

Today – Potluck fellowship meal after lunch, with business meeting and program on denominational connections and church polity.

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

Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. – Singing at Carver Assisted Living dining room for Tom Weaver and other guests.

Friday, June 30 – Supper prepared and served at Urban Ministries for 200.

Friday, June 9, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm - Healthy Durham 20/20 Summit, Durham Convention Center, 301 Morgan Street, Durham. Come help advance the movement to make Durham a healthier community for everyone! Healthy Durham 20/20 is an initiative with leadership from Duke Health and Durham's public and private sector to pivot away from focusing on barriers & move towards developing solutions - TOGETHER!

DCIA Assembly Supper, Tuesday, June 20, 5:45 - 7:00 pm, Durham Friends Meeting (404 Alexander Ave.): Program on Durham Public Schools Accomplishments, Challenges and Prospects by DPS Superintendent Bert L'Homme! As Superintendent L'Homme prepares to retire, he will discuss the direction and priorities for DPS this year, and address questions. \$7 supper.

July 20-22 – Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly, “Neighbors: Strangers No More” at Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Va.



*When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all truth*

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front Image: *Dove of Peace with Sun*, Pablo Picasso, 1962

*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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The gifts of God for the people of God. We come in grateful celebration of Jesus' cross and resurrection, giving from our receiving, inviting as we have been invited, serving as we are served, renewing our bond to the narrow way of Jesus. There is room at his table for all who follow Jesus in God's covenant of grace and obedience.

**The Lord is God, compassionate and gracious,
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, and for calling your people into obedient love through your law, prophets, and apostles,

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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, and the promise of his return in your full kingdom.

**Blessed are you, Creator Spirit,
who makes all things new!**

Come, Spirit of Christ, and fulfill the promise of your kingdom among us. For on the night that he was betrayed, during supper, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." So with praise and thanksgiving, we offer to you all these gifts and our very selves, received from your grace, to be a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's self-giving for us and for the whole world:

**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 table 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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THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
and save each woman's pride:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All Praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us all one:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
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To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength;
To love our neighbors as ourselves;
To love our friends and enemies
as we have been loved by Jesus,
who did not count our wrongs against us,
but endured death for the sake of our lives;
To persevere in faith, confess our wrongs to one another,
and continually turn to God for grace, hope and life.

We pledge ourselves, with God's help,
To join together
in worship and prayer, the instruction of Scripture,
the sharing of bread and cup, basin and towel,
in witness by word and deed
to God's rule in Jesus Christ, nearby and across the earth,
in discipleship to Jesus, growing together through the Spirit
into the likeness of Christ,
in caring service to one another and God's world,
according to our gifts in God's Spirit;

We pledge ourselves, with God's help,
To live together in fellowship,
practicing mutual care through joy and sorrow
as members of one another in Christ's Body,
giving and receiving counsel regularly to one another
under God's Holy Spirit,
speaking truth in love and listening with patience and humility,
under God's living Word,
offering and accepting forgiveness in Jesus,
with mercy and generosity, to heal and reconcile,
sharing God's gifts entrusted to us, to relieve burdens,
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