

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Anna Showalter, Music: Spencer Bradford

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*1 Kings 8:23*)

O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

Opening Songs

Hymnal #185 – *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymnal #4 – *Unto Thy Temple*

Hymnal #129 – *Fire of God*

Confession of Sin (*adapted from Malachi 2:17-3:7*)

You have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “All who do evil are good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?” See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? Thus says the Lord of hosts, Then I will draw near to you for judgment.

O Lord, we are slow to acknowledge our sin, but our hour of reckoning comes suddenly. Make us swift like you to testify against our rebellion. We confess and testify that we have worshiped other powers for security. We have adultery in our hearts and eyes. We pledge ourselves falsely and break our word. We profit from oppressed workers whose fair earnings are stolen. We permit the strong to thrust aside the weak – widows, orphans, and foreigners, for the strong revere nothing, even you, but only their own strength. Help us to turn aside from our rebellion as swiftly as we turned from your ways, to return to you, O Lord, and be made pure and free.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, “I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts. For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify and refine you like gold and silver, so you will present offerings to the Lord in righteousness, pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #43 – *Christ is Our Cornerstone*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

1 Kings 8:3-30

1 John 2:15-27

John 2:13-25

Sermon

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 #426 – *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

Sending to Serve

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. Then you will abide in the Son and in the Father, and the anointing of the Spirit abides in you. Go in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Genesis 4: 1-25; Ezekiel 18: 1-32; 1John 2: 28- 3: 15; John 3: 1-10

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Oscar Siwali and Mennonite Mission Network’s Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen are working through Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to train peer mediators for mediation and peace clubs this month. Pray for the students who are using their school holidays for this training.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

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/>



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*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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