

## Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

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Sunday, March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Jackie Carroll-Garcia, Music: Carol Detweiler

### PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship - Hymnal #679

Opening Songs

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer* – Hymnal #344

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* – Hymnal #343

*Jesus Loves Me* - Insert

Confession of Sin (from 1 John 2:7-14)

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

**Father of lights, we confess the darkness we have lived in: the darkness of resentment, bitterness, and condemnation toward brothers and sisters. We confess we have stumbled in that darkness, in harsh words spoken and kind words withheld. We confess we have been blinded in this darkness to seeing your presence and work around us and for us. Forgive us, and dispel our darkness with your light of grace and mercy, so we may see you and carry your light. In the name of Jesus the Light, we pray.**

I call to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name, and you know the Father. I call to you, elders, because you know him who is from the beginning. I call to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one, because the word of God abides in you and gives strength to overcome evil. Little children, abide in God. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #167 - *For God So Loved Us*

### HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 6:1-22

Genesis 7:11-8:4

1 Kings 18:1-18

John 3:11-21

Sermon – *Salvation from God*

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 Hymns

*I Love to Tell the Story* – Hymnal #398

*God Sent His Son* – Hymnal #345

Sending to Serve

Those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God. Let us love, and walk in the light.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Genesis 8:6-9:17; 1 Kings 18:17-46; Ephesians 5:1-20; John 12:20-36

**Happy Anniversary to Kevin & Marcia Nice (3/28)! Happy Birthday to Glenn Detweiler (3/25), Sara Andres (4/1), and Joss Bradford (4/1)!**

**Pray for Mennonite Missions:** Beginning on Thursday of this week, local leaders of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program will gather in Tucson, Arizona, for four days of worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit's unity in relationships and in purpose.

### Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

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.

This Friday, Mar. 31 – Prep and serve supper for 200 at Urban Ministries of Durham. Prepare 4-6 pm, Serve 6-8 pm. Menu – Chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans and greens, desserts.

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](mailto:cropwalkdurham@gmail.com) and <http://durhamcropwalk.org/>



*God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

*Front Art: "Noah Saved from the Flood" - Icon*

*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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