

## Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

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9:30 a.m. Bible Study

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

### PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*from Song of Songs 8:11-12, 7:11-13*)

Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he entrusted the vineyard  
to keepers, each one to bring for its fruit a thousand pieces of silver.

My vineyard, my very own, is for myself.

**You, O Solomon, may have the thousand, ,  
and the keepers of the fruit two hundred!**

Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields,  
and lodge in the villages; let us go out early to the vineyards,  
and see whether the vines have budded,  
whether the grape blossoms have opened  
and the pomegranates are in bloom.

**There I will give you my love.**

The mandrakes give forth fragrance,  
and over our doors are all choice fruits,  
new as well as old, which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace (*adapted from 1Jn 5:13-21*)

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. You who believe in the  
name of the Son of God should know that you have eternal life.

**And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything  
according to his will, he hears us.**

All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not mortal. If you see your  
brother or sister committing what is not a mortal sin, you will ask, and  
God will give life to such a one.

**We know that those who are born of God are not bound to sin, but  
the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does  
not touch them. Forgive us for our wrongdoing, for yielding to the  
power of evil. We know that we are God's children, though the  
whole world lies under the power of the evil one. Grant us to abide  
in you, and keep us from death and sin.**

We know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have  
obtained the requests made of him, through Jesus Christ our Advocate,  
from whom we have forgiveness of sins.

**And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us  
understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in  
him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and  
eternal life.**

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

### HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Ezekiel 15:1-8

Psalm 80

John 15:1-10

Sermon

Spencer Bradford

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

Word Made Music

Testimonies to the Word

Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

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

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve – Hymnal #752

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ezekiel 17:1-8,22-24; Song of Songs 4:7- 5:1; 1John 5:1-5; John 15:9-17

*Next Sunday: Worship Leader, Lowell Tieszen; Music, Anna Showalter*

**Pray for Mennonite Missions:** On this Mother's Day, Mennonite Mission Network  
gives thanks for the women who have modeled God's love and helped to shape the  
church. Ask God to bless all the mothers in the world with food and homes for their  
children.

### Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

**Happy Mother's Day Today to the mothers, grandmothers and mothers in faith  
in our congregation!**

Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 pm – Church Council Meeting at Bradfords.

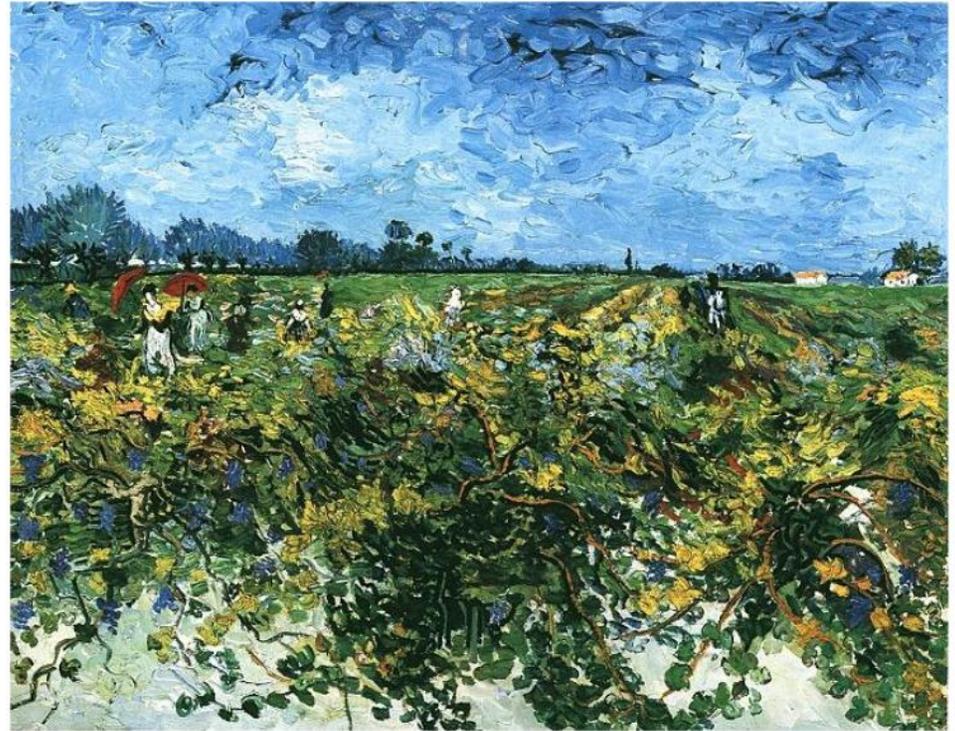
Congratulations to graduates: Eddith Ohando (Durham Tech), Jacob Jayala (UNC), Kelsey Guckenberger (Duke Divinity)!  
Graduation party for Jacob today at 4 pm, Frankie's Café @ Frankie's Fun Park.

DCIA Assembly Lunch, Tuesday, May 16, 11:45 a.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 82 Kimberly Dr, Durham. Program by "End Hunger Durham" on developing more collaboration and expanding services by front-line relief programs. Lunch, \$7.

Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. – Singing at Carver Assisted Living dining room for Tom Weaver and other guests.

Sunday, June 4 – Potluck fellowship meal after lunch, with program on denominational connections and church polity.

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



*I am the Vine, You are the Branches*

# **DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH**

Front Art: "Green Vineyard at Arles" by Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

*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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