

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Sylvia Daniel, Music: Anna Showalter

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

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

You are altogether beautiful and flawless, my love;

Come with me from Lebanon, my bride;

Depart from the dens of lions, from the mountains of leopards.

You have ravished my heart, my sister, my bride,

you have ravished my heart with a glance of your eyes.

How sweet is your love, my sister, my bride!

Awake, O north wind, and come, O south wind!

Blow upon my garden and lift its fragrance.

Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat its best fruits.

Friends, eat and drink, and let love intoxicate you.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, violence and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness for walking a new path; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

God does not deal with us as our sins deserve, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens tower high above the earth, so great is God's faithful love for those who fear him. As far as east is from west, so far has he removed our offenses from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Ezekiel 17:1-8, 22-24

1 John 5:1-5

John 15:9-17

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 – Sing the Story #176

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2 Kings 2: 1-15; Ezekiel 3: 12-27; Ephesians 1: 15-23; John 17: 1-19

Next Sunday: Worship Leader, Lowell Tieszen; Music, Rebekah Ackerman

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Margrit Kipfer Barrón as she compiles a book-study of Luke's Gospel to introduce non-Christian readers to Jesus. She wants this current project to be available to people living in remote areas of Bolivia where her pastor-husband, Freddy, helps to organize book fairs.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

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

Sunday, June 4 – Pentecost Sunday! Communion in worship. 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.



Bear Fruit That Will Last – Love One Another

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Front Art: “Apple Trees near Vetheuil, 1878” - Claude Monet

*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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