

## Durham Mennonite Church

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*A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA*

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

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9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Lowell Tieszen, Music: Rebekah Ackerman

### PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*from Ephesians 1:15-23*)

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

**God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.**

And the Father has put all things under Christ's feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Let us give thanks without ceasing, remembering in prayer the faith of the saints in the Lord Jesus, and love toward all the saints.**

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace - Hymnal #692

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

### HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

2 Kings 2:1-15

Ezekiel 3:12-27

Hymns

John 17:1-19

Video – Jesus Said These Things

### 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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

*Genesis 11:1-9; Ezekiel 36:22-38; 1John 4:1-6,13-16a; John 15:26-16:15*

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

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

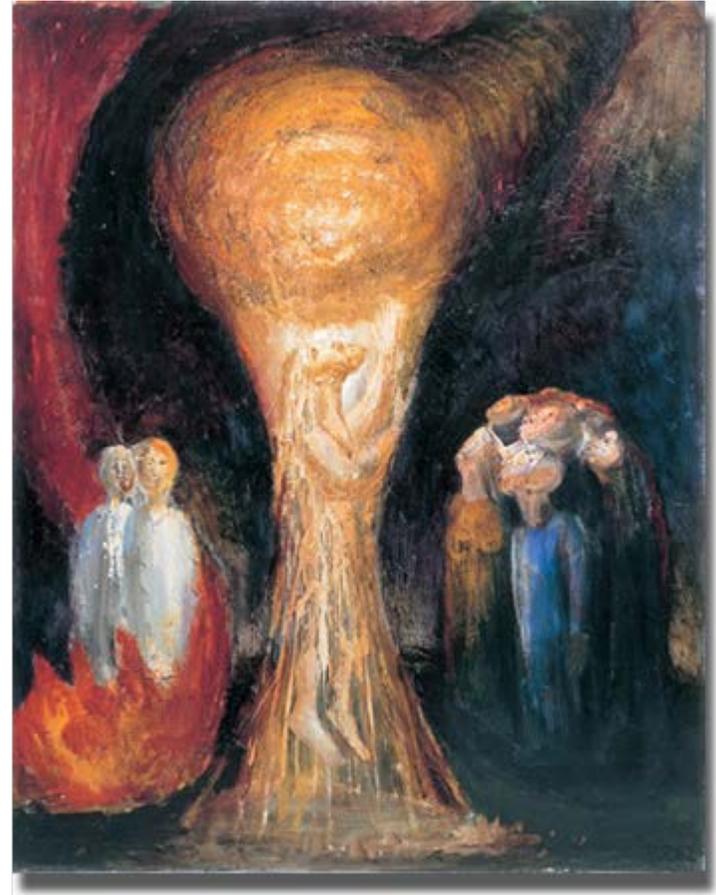
Next Sunday, June 4 – Pentecost Sunday! Communion in worship. Potluck fellowship meal after lunch, with program on denominational connections and church polity.

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

Happy Birthday to Lucy & Stella Jayala, 5/30/96

### **For Reflection**

*Did Jesus depart his followers as Elijah departed his disciple Elisha? The glory Jesus shares with the Father, the glory Ezekiel saw, is a transcending beyond our reality (“the world”) – “I am no longer in the world...” Christ’s ascension describes his absence; next Sunday’s Pentecost his new and transformed presence? Elijah left Elisha his mantle. What tokens did Jesus describe leaving us in his prayer? His words, protection, joy, truth? Sending us on mission “into the world” as he was sent? Does Jesus seem to be describing his absence as also a continuing presence that sanctifies? How do we experience God as both absent beyond reach and directly present for us and with us?*



*I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,  
As I am coming to you. Holy Father,  
protect them in your name that you have given me,  
so that they may be one, as we are one.*

Front Image: *The Ascension*, Peter Rogers, 1963.  
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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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