

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Jackie Carroll-Garcia, Music: Eddith Ohando

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (from Song of Songs 1:15- 2:4)

Our Beloved calls us his rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys:

“You are beautiful, my love, truly lovely.”

As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is our Beloved.

With great delight we sit in his shadow, and taste sweet fruit.

He brings us to his banqueting house,

and he raises over us his banner of love.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Lord asks, “Do you love me?”

When we fail to love one another, we do not know you as we say we do.

The Lord asks, “Do you love me?”

We have lied when we say we love you, but hold hatred and resentment toward our brothers and sisters.

The Lord asks, “Do you love me?”

Lord, you know we love you, but we love because you first loved us. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is complete in us. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. Love has been completed among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but complete love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached complete love. We love because he first loved us.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #533 – *Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Ezekiel 34:1-14

1 John 4:7-12, 16b-21

John 21:15-25

Sermon – *To Love Like a Shepherd*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music – Sing the Story #39, *Will You Come and Follow*

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 #499 – *Lord, Speak to Me*

Sending to Serve

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Go with love; go with God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ezekiel 15: 1-8; Song of Songs 7: 11- 8: 7, 8: 11-12; 1John 5: 13-21;

John 15: 1-8

Next Sunday: Worship Leader, Anna Showalter; Music, Aaron Griffith

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for thousands of Mennonites in Democratic Republic of Congo who have gone into hiding to escape the violence that has claimed hundreds of lives. Pray that God would provide for those who have fled, for stable and reconciling national leadership, and for an end to the fighting.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

Happy Anniversary to Aaron and Eliza Griffith (5/2)! Happy Birthday to Jackie Carroll-Garcia (5/11)!

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

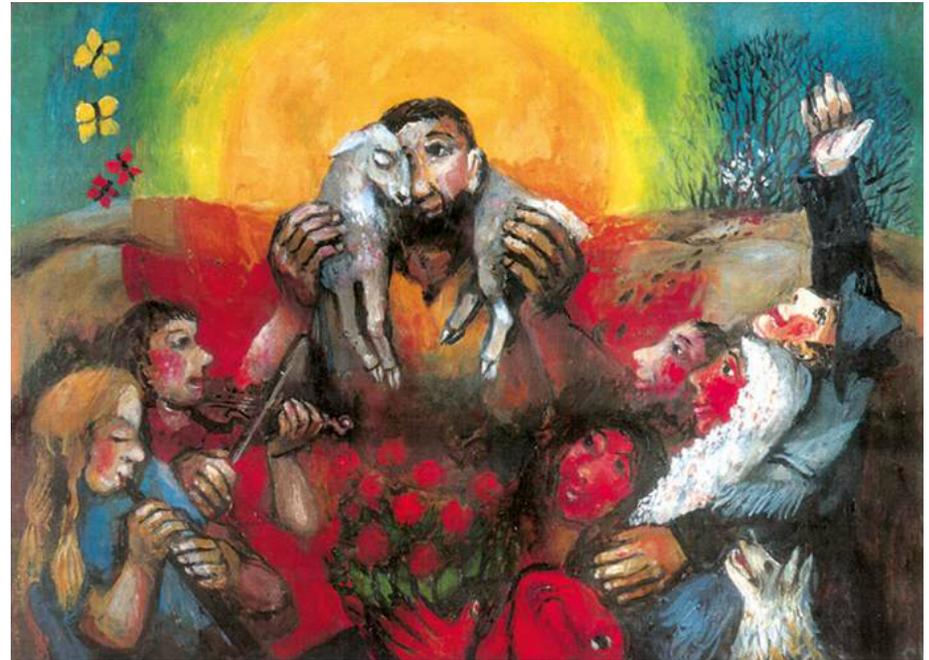
Wednesday, May 10, 7 pm – Eddith Ohando’s graduation from Durham Tech!

Next Sunday, May 14 – Graduation at UNC for Jacob Jayala, at Duke for Kelsey Guckenberger! Graduation party for Jacob 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.



Feed My Sheep

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front Art: "Good Shepherd" by Sieger Koder

*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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