

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Aaron Griffith; Music, Cheryl Van Horn

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*Psalm 50:1-6, 14-15*)

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. "Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Opening Worship Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace— Hymnal #781 (*in unison*)

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 17:20-26

Sermon

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

Footwashing Invitation and Prayer (*see insert*)

Washing of Feet

The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (*see insert*)

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn #478 – *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Sending to Serve, Hymnal #790

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

For 10/8: Genesis 39:1-23; Micah 7:1-20; Eph. 4:17-24; John 15:18-25
Worship Leader, Jackie Carroll-Garcia; Music, Kevin Nice.

For 10/15: Gen.41:1-57; Ezk. 17:1-10,22-24; Rev.15:1-8; Luke 13:18-30
Worship Leader, Renee Collins Bradford; Music, Spencer Bradford

For 10/22: Genesis 42:1-43:34; Micah 3:1-12; Col. 3:1-11; John 11:1-27
Worship Leader, Lowell Tieszen; Music, Carol Detweiler

For 10/29: Gen.44:1-45:15; Psalm 57; Eph. 4:25-32; John 11:28-53
Worship Leader, Sylvia Daniel; Music, Kevin Nice

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside communities in Ecuador to help Vida Juvenil become a thriving, locally organized project. Pray for them as they help mothers, children and youth become grounded in a better quality of life

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living

Happy Birthday to Ruby Batten (10/1)!

Today, Oct 1, 2:00-3:30pm – The Durham Life Chain joins thousands of fellow pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada, in a peaceful/prayerful public witness, praying silently for an end to abortion. Bring your families, lawn chairs, strollers – rain or shine, and support the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Location: sidewalk directly across from "The Streets of Southpoint" on Fayetteville Rd. (between Renaissance Pkwy. and Herndon Rd.). For more info: go to www.LifeChain.Net or <http://nationallifechain.org> or contact kathleensiemer@embarqmail.com (336-562-5452 or 919-360-3827).

Friday, Oct. 6, 7-8pm: An Evening of Unity in Music (810 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham). Immaculate Conception Church invites you to enjoy an evening of diverse music - classical, jazz, choral, organ and instrumental - including noteworthy pieces from Latin American and Hispanic composers. Free Admission. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit a Legal Assistance Fund for Immigrants.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Front Image: *"The Best Supper"*, Jan Richardson.

*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 and witness,
our discipling, fellowship and service.*

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Now, at Christ's mandate, we share the water of humility and stoop, as once Christ stooped to wash the feet of others. Our Teacher and Master gave us this great lesson to practice, so to conform us in heart and action to his humble, serving love, and so that we might be united selflessly as brothers and sisters in God's great common household.

We offer ourselves to one another as to Christ, to serve as Christ's disciples, sharing the gifts of Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, as we become conformed to Christ's example, may we receive Christ and his gifts from one another.

In receiving this washing, the gracious forgiveness and healing of our baptism is refreshed and renewed.

We offer ourselves to receive and accept forgiveness in Jesus, and to share with all others the forgiveness we receive. We lower our pride and empty our hands in order to heal injury and be bound together with generous mercy.

In sharing this water at another's feet, we renew our baptismal covenant:

We offer ourselves in compassion, patience and humility, to speak and hear the truth in love, to bear one another's burdens through the Spirit of Christ.

Men and women separate to wash and dry one another's feet, then re-gather.

THE COMMUNION OF THANKSGIVING

The gifts of God for the people of God. We come in grateful celebration of Jesus' cross and resurrection, giving from our receiving, inviting as we have been invited, serving as we are served, renewing our bond to the narrow way of Jesus. There is room at his table for all who follow Jesus in God's covenant of grace and obedience.

The Lord is God, compassionate and gracious, overflowing in loving mercy and steadfast kindness. Blessed be God, now and forever!

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hills are now united on this table in bread and drink, so Lord, may we be made a true community of your Spirit as your Body on earth, and may your whole people soon be gathered together from across the earth in your Kingdom of holy peace.

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And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise to the Lord,
because he is good; his love is eternal.**

Truly, it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to offer our praise, worship, and thanksgiving to you, Almighty and Ever-living God. For your generous creating grace, for redemption from slavery and sin, and for calling your people into obedient love through your law, prophets, and apostles,

Blessed are you, O God, holy and mighty.

For your Son Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer; for his call to faith and peace; for his death and resurrection to bring forgiveness while we were your enemies killing him; for life in his Spirit, free from sin and death; for our communion with him in his Body, and the promise of his return in your full kingdom.

Blessed are you, Creator Spirit, who makes all things new!

Come, Spirit of Christ, and fulfill the promise of your kingdom among us. For on the night that he was betrayed, during supper, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." So with praise and thanksgiving, we offer to you all these gifts and our very selves, received from your grace, to be a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's self-giving for us and for the whole world:

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship and thank you,
O Lord our God.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this communion, on us gathered here and on these gifts, that the sharing of this bread and cup may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify and fill us with your true presence, that in all our lives we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As we share your presence anew at this table of your giving, let us share your presence with the world in the giving of our lives and selves, in your service for all people. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one in fellowship with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast together at your heavenly table with all your saints. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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