

## Durham Mennonite Church

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October 29, 2017

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9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Sylvia Daniel; Music, Kevin Nice

### PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 57*)

I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

**Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by. Send from heaven and save me from my enemies that devour me.**

God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.**

**Let your glory be over all the earth.**

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody.

**Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For your faithfulness extends beyond the clouds; your steadfast love goes as far as the stars.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.**

**Let your glory be over all the earth.**

Opening Worship Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance (*adapted from Eph.4:25-32*)

Beloved, since we are members of one another, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors.

**Forgive us, Lord, for speaking falsehood to defend or exalt ourselves, and lead us to put away all deceit.**

Anger at wrong and harm is healthy, but use it to confront the problem and let it go; do not let the sun go down on our anger.

**Forgive us, Lord, for nursing anger into resentment, vindictiveness and hate toward our neighbors. We have let anger make room for the devil in self-righteousness and rage. Let us put sin behind us and pursue mercy and peace.**

We are all to work honestly with whatever skill we have, in order to have something to share with the needy.

**Forgive us, Lord, for taking whatever we can for ourselves, for stealing profit from the loss and poverty of others, and for seeking to possess more and more.**

Our words should give grace to those who hear, offering help usefully and building up with love.

**Forgive us, Lord, for grieving your Holy Spirit with evil language that has issued from us -- all speech of bitterness and wrath and dispute and slander, together with anything malicious and hurtful. Put away all these things from our talk and our text.**

You have been marked by the Holy Spirit of God with a seal for the day of redemption. So be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has now and always forgiven you.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

### HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

John 11:28-53

Genesis 44:1-17

Genesis 44:18– 45:15

Sermon – *Holy Tears*

Spencer Bradford

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

Word Made Music

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Blessing of Comforters

Offering and Offertory

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

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

11/5: Gen.45:21- 46:7; 46:29-31; 1Kgs.3:16-28; Rev.1:9-18; Jn.14:1-14  
Worship Leader: Eliza Griffith; Music: Aaron Griffith

11/12: Gen 49:33 -50:26; Psalm 33; Ephesians 1:2-14; John 14:15-31  
Worship Leader: Aaron Griffith; Music: Cheryl Van Horn

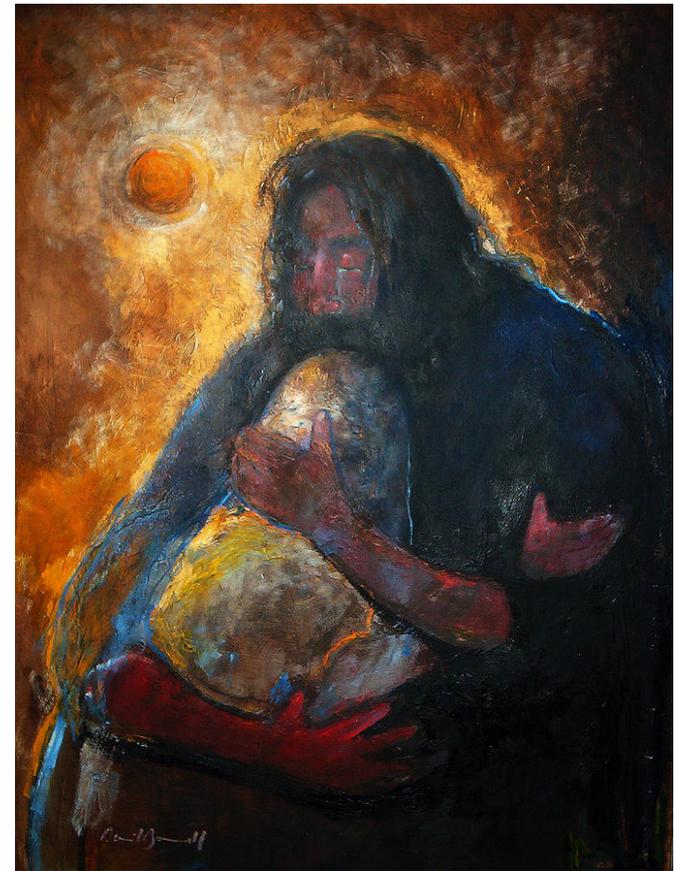
11/19: Ps. 72; 1Kgs.9:1-9; 10:1-10,23-25; Rev.11:15-19; Jn.18:33-38a  
Worship Leader: Jackie Carroll-Garcia; Music: Kevin Nice

**Pray for Mennonite Missions:** Country School, an English-language academy in Spain founded by Brian and Noelia Fox, is starting its fifth year of classes this month. Pray for the Fox family, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they help their students grow in faith as well as intellectually.

**Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:**

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

**Happy Birthday to Alma Shertzer (11/3)!**



*Jesus Wept*

*Front image: “Jesus Wept”, Daniel Bonnell*

*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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