

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

October 8, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Jackie Carroll-Garcia; Music, Kevin Nice

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship, Hymnal #688

Opening Worship Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace (*from Micah 7:1-20*)

Woe are we! For we have become like those who hunger for fresh-ripened fruit, long past the end of summer, after the vintage has been gleaned and figs are all gathered and gone. Our world is reaping desolation from what we people have sown on earth. The best of them is like a brier, the most upright is twisted like a thorn shrub. The day of judgment forewarned by sentinels has come, and now confusion is at hand. The faithful have disappeared from the land, and there is no one left who is upright.

All lie in wait, ready for bloodshed, like hunters at each other with snares. Our hands are skilled for evil work, at paying bribes to officials and lawyers, so the rich dictate laws they desire, and law is twisted apart from justice. We have broken bonds of trust between friends, confidence among family members, and even hiding the truth between spouses. We have made enemies in our own households, with contempt between generations. So we bear the indignation of the Lord, because we have sinned against him, until God takes our side and judges for us, to bring us out of darkness into the light, to see his vindication. We shall look to the Lord, we will wait for the God of our salvation; our God will hear us.

Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy, taunting, "Where is the Lord your God?" When I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.

It will be a day for rebuilding, a day to gather people from all lands, from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain. Lord, shepherd your people with your staff, the flock that belongs to you, to dwell in forest and garden, to feed safely.

Nations will witness God's deliverance, as from Egypt in the days of old, and be ashamed of their forces. They shall be humbled and silenced, but will turn and stand in fear before the Lord our God. Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgressions of your frail remnant people? God does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing mercy. The Lord will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. God will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea, with the faithful loyalty shown to Abraham and Jacob, the covenant with our ancestors from the days of old.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 39:1-23

Ephesians 4:17-24

John 15:18-25

Sermon – *The Price of Good*

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

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve – Hymnal #758

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

*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: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Mennonite Mission Network confesses the complicity many in our church across generations have had in land theft and oppression. Pray for repentance, restitution, and for the many mission workers who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity as children of God equal to those who conquered them.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

Wednesday, Oct. 11 - Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living



Be Renewed in the Spirit of Your Mind!

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Front Image: "Dove in Hand", Pablo Picasso

*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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