

### **Our Mission:**

*Raleigh Mennonite Church is a community growing as disciples of Jesus, the Christ. We nurture growth of the inner spiritual life, seeking transformation through God's grace as followers of Jesus.*

*We are active in reconciliation and service, making Christ known through sharing the story of God's love and forgiveness with our children, our neighbors and our world. In our lives, we seek justice, healing, hope and peace for all people.*

*We warmly and actively welcome others to join us on this journey.*

Pastor	Melissa F-B
Servant Leaders	Chris H, David R, Karin S, & Rachel T
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Mailing address	P.O. Box 25545, Raleigh NC 27611
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### **Children in Worship:**

Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. Worship Craft materials are available for use during the service. Nursery is available mid-way through the service for children up to kindergarten. To use our nursery, staffed by volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church Training, meet at the back of the room during the hymn prior to the sermon.

For children and youth who remain in worship, a Church Creation project will be introduced and materials provided. Church Creations are designed to complement the day's scripture reading or another worship theme. While Church Creations are designed with children and youth in mind, adults are invited to participate as materials are available.

### **Hearing Assistance:**

Hearing enhancement devices are available at the A/V table. Even if you do not have a hearing problem, they make what is spoken from the podium much more intelligible.

RMC receives a **public offering** once each month (first Sunday); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak offering box on the back table.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Jason B coordinates the Peace and Justice Support Network. Pray for inspiration and wisdom as he provides resources to congregations and individuals who engage in nonviolent, active peacemaking. (Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Vine)

### **Announcements**

Our **May Fellowship Meal is today**. Please stay to enjoy food and fellowship after worship. Hospitality asks those with last names starting with L-Z to help set up tables and assist with clean up afterwards.

**Gifts Discernment** - RMC takes time each May to consider how our gifts and passions might be used in the coming year both within the church and in the broader community. We ask each person (high school and above, newcomers and old-timers!) to complete a gifts discernment form and return it to Joanna J, Rosene R, Debbie B or Emily B **by May 30**. Check your email inbox for the electronic version or the link to respond online, or pick up hard copy on the back table at church. Feel free to contact anyone on the team if you have questions.

**The Front Porch Art Walk and Sale** will take place on Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm here in the neighborhood on Blount, Franklin and Pace Streets in Raleigh. Helen J will be showing her pottery, Luz F will be showing her paintings and John will have his wood carvings. Please join us for this fun day to see what beautiful things your neighbors are creating. <https://www.frontporchartwalk.org>

**A new process for choosing certain leadership roles** was affirmed at our last Church Life Meeting, in which we agreed to update our bylaws. We are seeking to fill the roles of Moderator, Secretary, and two Servant Leaders. We're hoping we can affirm nominations at our next CLM on June 10. If you sense that someone you know is gifted for one of these roles, please speak with them and ask if they'd be open to being nominated. If that person agrees to be nominated, please notify Melissa (temporarily serving as moderator). If you feel called to serve in one of these roles, you are welcome to nominate yourself.

### **Upcoming Events**

Fellowship Meal after worship	May 6
Brunch & Hymns at Pullen Park, 10:00 am	June 3
Church Life Meeting after worship	June 10
Brunch & Hymns at Pullen Park, 10:00 am	July 1
Brunch & Hymns at Pullen Park, 10:00 am	August 5
Church Life Meeting – Budget	August 26

**Adult Sunday School classes, Spring quarter (March - May)**

Very Good Gospel – Room #2

Tokens of Trust – Room #5

	<b>Today (May 6)</b>	<b>Next Week (May 13)</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Luz and John F	June A, Deb W
<b>Nursery</b>	Brenda H and Ruth R	Alyssa C, Dave C
<b>Sharing</b>	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Johnston	John F
<b>Bulletin</b>	Ruth R	Joanna J
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Debbie B	Brenda NM
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	Nathan H& Kaitlin H

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Mary and Jeff M May 11  
 Bonnie and Lowell M May 12

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at [bulletin@raleighmennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org).*

**Raleigh Mennonite Church**

**May 6, 2018**

***Welcome to our worship!***

*We are a community seeking to keep Jesus at the center of our lives, aware that we come from a variety of life experiences and points in our faith journeys. God invites us all to worship no matter our cultures, traditions and paths to God. We truly welcome you whatever your religious background or spiritual practice.*

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m.**

**Gathering for Worship 10:30 a.m.**

Prelude Our God is an Awesome God Worship Team  
 Welcome & Announcements Debbie B and Hans L

**Praise and Worship**

Screen Let Us Worship Together  
 WB 6 Here in This Place  
 WB114 In Thee is Gladness  
 Covenant Song Pam B  
 Offering  
 WB 421 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

*(Children invited to nursery)*

**Hearing and Responding to God's Word**

Church Creations Rachel T  
 Scripture Reading Philippians 1:1-18a  
 Sermon Melissa F-B  
 Screen Song of Response  
 Sharing and Prayer Melissa F-B

**Sending Forth**

STS 186 Benediction