

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 13, 2008

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

L: Give to Yahweh, O heavenly beings,

P: give to Yahweh glory and strength.

*All: Give to Yahweh the glory of God's name;
worship Yahweh in holy array.*

L: The voice of Yahweh is upon the water

P: The God of glory thunders upon many waters.

All: The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

L: The voice of God shakes the wilderness.

P: and in God's temple all cry "Glory!"

L: May Yahweh give strength to the people,

All: blessing the people with peace.

***Hymns:** "Where charity and love prevail" #305 HWB
"In thee is gladness" #114 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Affirmation of Faith: #710 HWB

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's Time: My name is Beloved

Hymn: "When long before time" #25 STJ

New Testament reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Sharing: Nikki Fitch, Adam Nafziger, Melissa Hochstetler

Hymn: "God of the fertile fields" #390 HWB

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. AMEN

Offering and Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** "Move in our midst" #418 HWB

***Benediction**

Postlude

Community Time

- Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m.

- Christian Education (11 – noon)

Children's classes begin with singing at front of sanctuary.

Adult offerings:

- Spirituality & Food, led by Carol Harder – Fellowship Hall
- Exploring the New Testament (will not meet today)
- Faith and Human Development—Chapel, 201 Education wing
- Contemplative silence, pastor's study, 210 Education wing

TODAY: The baptism of Jesus and reception of new members

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach and new member sharing

Worship Leader: Cynthia Miller

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Childcare: Barb Beers and Arlene Geissinger

Fellowship Time: Tom Johnson

Neighborhood Groups – today at 5 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

This is an opportunity to share food and fellowship in a home setting.

New attendees and visitors are welcome!

Jan 6:

Attendance: 71

Offering: \$2155.25

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: January 14-18

Pastor's Hours: Monday, 10-3 p.m.; Wed & Thurs, 9-4; Friday, 8:30-12:30. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening, 7-8:30 p.m.

Dan's Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

NEXT SUNDAY: World Fellowship Sunday

Sermon: Orv Gingerich

Worship Leader: Cynthia Miller

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger

Piano: Karen Zeug

Childcare: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (3 needed; Meagan will not be here)

Fellowship Time: Heather Wengerd

Snow Shoveling (January 14-20): Gregg Richardson

We welcome Dan Leisen as the new FMC office assistant. Dan began working in the office January 9. Emails for the church office and Dan should be sent to: Faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Dan's office hours will generally be Wednesday and Friday 8:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Thank You from Shuji Moriichi

Dear Joetta and People of FMC, Thank you for your hospitality extended to me at Faith Mennonite Church on Dec. 30. It was a great honor for me to preach and to witness new mercies of the Lord with you all. (I also enjoyed the conversation I had with some of you after the service.) I'll look forward to seeing you sometime in the coming year.

Peace and grace, Shuji Moriichi

Save the Date from Missions and Services Commission

Saturday, March 8, 6:00 for a **community panel discussion and potluck**, centered around the responsible use of food production and consumption in our society, using themes from the bestseller, *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Katie Hochstedler or Minke Sundseth.

This is my son, the beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.



Faith Mennonite Church
Minneapolis

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Looking Ahead

January 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC
January 16 – Missions & Service, 3:30 p.m. @ FMC
January 26 – FMC Cross-country ski outing
January 31 – Youth Service Project, 4:15 p.m. @ Seward CSP
February 3 – Potluck and Congregational Meeting
February 6 – Ash Wednesday

FMC Cross-country ski outing Jan. 26 – Due to some complications, the ski weekend has been changed to a one-day ski outing. Don't miss the opportunity for fellowship and exercise in the out-of-doors. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship area at the back of the sanctuary. Location to be determined.

Emergency Call List – The church office is compiling a list of people who would be willing to be called on an emergency basis, including during the day. This would be used by individuals and families who do not have extended family members in the area, to call on in cases of emergency for childcare, etc. If you are willing to have your name on the list, please email the church office with contact numbers and times of day/evening when you are willing to be called.

Prayer for Christian Unity To celebrate the 100th anniversary of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity a special service will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul where members of many Christian traditions will gather to pray together for the unity of Christ's Church. The service will feature prayers and readings from Roman Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Historic Black, Evangelical and Pentecostal traditions. Music in the service will include an a cappella Orthodox Choir, gospel music, Heart of the City worship band, and choirs representing the Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. A reception will follow the service. The free, one-hour service will begin at 7:00 on Friday, January 18, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 239 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, 55102.

Uncommon Light: Brahms & the Beauty of Shadow, Jan. 25-26, 2008, 7:30 pm, Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St., St. Paul

One Voice Mixed Chorus, Minnesota's gblt and straight allies chorus, illuminates the new year with a weekend of concerts exploring images of light and shadow, highlighted by masterworks of Johannes Brahms. Joining One Voice for these performances are two special guests: Dr. Vance George, four-time Grammy Award-winning conductor formerly with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, and St. Paul Central High School Concert Choir, led by Martha Coventry Graber. For tickets: www.ovmc.org or call 651-298-1954.