

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

January 16, 2011

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather to worship together, different people, different lives, different histories,

**People: yet all children of the same Parent, created lovingly by the Source of all life!**

L: We gather to reconnect with one another, different people, different lives, different histories,

**P: yet all disciples of one Teacher, Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.**

L: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different people, different lives, different histories,

**P: yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.**

**All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.**

-by Rev. Leslie Penrose, UCC Immigration Worship Resources

**\*Hymns:** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" #582 HWB  
"Jesus calls us here to meet him" #3 STJ

**Old Testament Reading:** Ruth 1:15-17; 2:5-10

**Children's gathering song:** "Come and see" #20 HWB

**Children's time:** "Learning in a foreign land" ~ Lis Wilson

**Song:** "Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round"

**Contemporary Reading:** from *Strength to Love* by Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Sermon:** "To whom do we belong?"

**Hymn:** "Abraham journeyed to a new country" (*insert; vv. 1, 3, 5*)

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

*Leader: We pray (give thanks) to the Holy One,*

*People: Hear our prayer.*

**Congregational Prayer**

Our Father/Mother 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

---

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Offering & Offertory**

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

**Introduction of guests**

**\*Sung Benediction:** "I bind my heart this tide" #411 HWB

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:45 **Fellowship time**

- 11:00 **Children's singing time & classes**

- 11:00 **Adult education forum – fellowship hall**

"Immigration: Over, under, around, and through the law" FMC member Hillary Richardson, a law student in Chicago, and Alyssa Wetzel, a human rights lawyer in St. Paul, will describe the ways current immigration law can hurt vulnerable individuals and families.

---

**TODAY:**

**Worship leader:** Matthew Thomas

**Sermon:** Kathleen Remund

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Reader:** Mandy Janssen

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin & Paula Okerstrom

**Nursery:** Susan Weinlick & Laurie Kaufman

**Snow shoveling:** Thaine Dirks

**Fellowship:** Joan Kreider & *1 volunteer needed*

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Worship leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Piano:** Cathy Smetana

**Ushers:** Rachel Okerstrom & Barb Beers

**Nursery:** Brooke Derrickson & Donna Minter

**Snow shoveling:** Mark Kaufmann

**Fellowship:** Melissa Hochstetler

---

*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.*

---

**January 9: Attendance:** 106

**Offering:** \$2,555.50

---

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund**  
**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Kami Blackwell Kinney**  
**Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick**

2720 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406 Ph: 612-375-9483  
E: faithmc@faithmennonite.org Web: www.faithmennonite.org

**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** Jan 17-21

**Pastor:** Wed & Thurs 9-4; Friday 9-noon. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Wed. evening from 7- 8:30 p.m. Joetta is out of town through Tuesday afternoon. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs or in case of an emergency.

**Ministry Staff Person:** Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

**Office Assistant,** Julie Cross: Tues, Weds & Thurs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:**

*faithmc@faithmennonite.org*. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

---

**Monday, January 17, 4 p.m.:** Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with an **FMC ski excursion!** Meet at **Theodore Wirth Chalet** where you can purchase a day pass (\$8) and rent skis (\$11). Also a sledding hill for kids.

<http://www.theodorewirth.org/tubing.cfm> **Afterward, gather at Melissa**

**Falb's home to warm up (or cool down). Bring drinks and snacks to share.** We will probably ski until around 5:30. All levels of skiers are welcome! **RSVPs appreciated.** – *Aryn Baxter*

**January Birthday Brunch – Saturday, Jan. 22, 10-11:30 a.m.** If you or a family member has a birthday in January, Pastor Joetta invites you to a birthday brunch at her home, 248 Aurora Ave, St. Paul. (This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person.) Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area or email Joetta.

#### **Church Meetings and Events**

January 18 – NO Lectionary discussion group this week

January 19 – Annual Reports due to church office

January 22 – January Birthday Brunch, 10 a.m., Schlabach's

January 26 – FMC-Missio Dei Potluck, 6:30 p.m., fellowship hall

February 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

February 13 – Annual Congregational Meeting

February 16 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardson's

February 17 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., church office

February 19 – Missio Dei Fundraising event, 7 p.m., fellowship hall

*Cover design by Dan Leisen*

## Ruth 1:15-17; 2:5-10

So [Naomi] said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’ But Ruth said,

‘Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.  
May the LORD do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!’

Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, ‘To whom does this young woman belong?’ The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, ‘She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, “Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.” So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment.’

Then Boaz said to Ruth, ‘Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.’ Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, ‘Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?’

L: For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God within us,  
For the Word of God among us,

*All: Thanks be to God.*

## From *Strength to Love*, by Martin Luther King, Jr.

“In a real sense, all life is interrelated. All [people] are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.”

## Announcements

**Window Washers Needed in February & March.** The Trustee Commission is recruiting **four people for four Saturdays** (9 a.m.–noon) beginning February 19, to wash the interiors of the stained glass windows. Please sign up if you are able to participate.

Notice the **updated (green) 2011 potluck schedule** in your mailbox.

**Save the date! September 24-25** has been set as the celebration weekend for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Faith Mennonite Church. Many additional activities will be ongoing through 2011. Details to follow.

**Community Emergency Service food shelf received 79 lbs. of food donations** this week on behalf of FMC. Thank you to all. – *Dick Westby*

**Potluck with Missio Dei:** Because of the enthusiastic response to our last combined potluck with members of Missio Dei faith community, we're doing it again! Please join us for delicious food and get to know these energetic, hopeful, young Christian neighbors on **Wednesday, January 26th, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** -*Kathleen Remund*

## Adult Education Series for January “Immigrants Among Us”

**January 23:** “Voices from the Southern Border,” will feature Gabe Schlabach and Valerie Ong talking about their experiences on the U.S./Mexico border. They will be joined by Francisco Segovia, director of Waite House, examining why people leave their homes in Mexico and Central America to come to the U.S.

**January 30:** Joetta Schlabach will lead a discussion about Mennonite positions and advocacy on behalf of immigrants. She will share some of the conversation and controversy related to the question of holding the 2013 Mennonite Church USA convention in Phoenix.

**Immigration Action:** As we study immigration together during the month of January, we will all begin looking for opportunities to act on what we're learning. On **Sunday, February 6th, members of FMC will participate in the monthly faith action for immigrant detainees** sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration. We will call for attention to our nation's broken immigration system and support those being detained. St. Joan of Arc Catholic parish is the congregational organizer for February's action. It will be held in front of the **Ramsey County Detention Center at 425 Grove Street in St. Paul.** For further details, contact Kathleen Remund or call the FMC office, 612-375-9483.