

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 23, 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: "We sing to you" #1 STJ

"For the fruit of all creation" #90 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1-9

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

Children's time: "Welcoming words"

Song: "Lord, bless the hands" #93 HWB

New Testament Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon: "Hospitality: The gift and the challenge"

Hymn: "Will you come and follow me" (*insert; vv. 1 & 3; solo on v. 2*)

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:** "Heart with loving heart" #420 HWB (vv. 1 & 3)

***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: "Voices from the Southern Border" Gabe Schlabach and Valerie Ong will talk about participating in the "Migrant Trail" along the U.S./Mexico border in 2008. They will be joined by Francisco Segovia, director of Waite House, who will examine why people leave their homes in Mexico and Central America to come to the U.S.

TODAY: Immigration's call to hospitality

Worship & song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Cathy Smetana **Guitar:** Ry Siggelkow **Reader:** Gabe Schlabach

Ushers: Rachel Okerstrom & Barb Beers

Nursery: Brooke Derrickson & Donna Minter

Snow shoveling: Mark Kaufmann

Fellowship: Melissa Hochstetler

NEXT SUNDAY: World Fellowship Sunday

Worship leader: Ry Siggelkow

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Karen Zueg

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: Shelley Bartell & Matthew Hendricks

Snow shoveling: Melissa Hochstetler & Orv Gingerich

Fellowship: Beth Richardson & Alisa Bardo-Martinson

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 16: Attendance: 90

Offering: \$3,920

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Jan 24-28

Pastor: Mon 1-5 p.m.; Wed & Thurs 9-5; Friday 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Mon. & Wed. evenings from 7- 8:30 p.m.

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.

Updates from the Church Council:

- **Minutes from Church Council meetings** are no longer included in the monthly *FMC Connections* newsletter. They are now posted on the FMC website: www.faithmennonite.org in the “Member” area. Contact the church office, 651-290-2185, if you need instructions for member log on.
- In order to save paper, the **2010 Annual Reports and Agenda for the Feb. 13, 2011 Congregational Meeting**, will be distributed via email. These will be sent out on Thursday, January 27. If you do not have access to email, please call the church office 612-375-9483 to request a paper copy.

Today from noon – 4 p.m. we invite all to a fun work session in the chapel to make quilt blocks for the 50th Anniversary celebration quilt. Children are encouraged to help. Materials are provided. Please come and go anytime during the afternoon & bring your own lunch. We’ll have ideas and patterns to select from, but original ideas are welcome. **February 5 and 19 will also be work days.** Questions? Contact Sandra Westby, Nikki Fitch, Kristen Green or Arlene Geissinger.

Church Meetings and Events

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

Announcements

Genesis 18:1-9

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.'

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.*

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.

Potluck with Missio Dei, Wed., January 26, 6:30 p.m. FMC Fellowship Hall. 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. -*Kathleen Remund*

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 8:30 – 3:30, JRLC Day on the Hill, Saint Paul River Centre and Minnesota State Capitol. Each year hundreds of Minnesotans from across the state come together to speak with their legislators about issues of poverty, fair taxation, human rights, health care, children, and more. JRLC members from the Islamic, Jewish, Protestant Christian, and Catholic communities join their voices in sending a message to our elected officials that people of faith demand fair and just policy that protects and benefits all people. To register see: <http://jrlc.org/register-for-day-on-the-hill.html>

Adult Education Series for January "Immigrants Among Us"

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. Kim Vu Friesen, a member of Emmanuel Mennonite Church and of the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board which made the decision about keeping the 2013 Assembly in Phoenix, will be present to speak about the decision making process.

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 at minstaff@faithmennonite.org or call the FMC office, 612-375-9483.