

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 24, 2010

## Prelude

## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

L: The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: **Amen.**

L: God, tender spirit, touch us as we worship together. Transform us into men and women, boys and girls, who are sensitive to your justice, who live, because they love each other and feel responsibility for all living creatures. Come, Holy Spirit!

C: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

\***Hymns:** "Praise, I will praise you, Lord" #76 HWB  
"O sing to the Lord" #12 STJ

**Old Testament reading:** Isaiah 61:1-9

**Confession of faith** (insert)

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

**Children's time:** "God's love for us" (insert)

**Gospel reading:** Luke 4:14-21

**Sermon:** "Preaching the Good News"

**Hymn:** "My hope is built on nothing less" #343 HWB (and insert)

## 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:** "In Christ there is no east or west" #306 HWB

\***Benediction** (insert)

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

## Community Time

- **Fellowship time –10:45-11:10 a.m.**

- **Children's singing – 11 a.m.** Education wing chapel

- **Christian education – 11:15-noon** This morning Patricia Mack from St. Paul Mennonite Fellowship will share about her experience of attending the Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly in Paraguay in July 2009 – Basement fellowship hall

- **International potluck – noon** Everyone is welcome even if you did not bring anything.

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**TODAY:** World Fellowship Sunday

**Worship Leader:** Natalija Zacharova-Nausede

**Sermon:** Matthew Thomas

**Song leader:** Stacy Griffin

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Nursery volunteers:** Leslie Minkler & Pat Eliason

*Our worship outline and some of the readings and prayer requests today were prepared by members of the Mennonite World Conference Executive Committee from the Netherlands and Switzerland.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Parent/Child Dedications

**Worship Leader:** Scott Neal

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Nursery volunteers:** Karen Wiebe & Gerald Schlabach

**Fellowship:** Arlene Holdeman & Cindy Bjork

*Next Sunday we will dedicate parents and new babies: Noah & Cori Skogerboe and Esther Wulf and Ry & Marcia Siggelkow and Aleida Marian.*

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*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.*

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**Jan 17:** Attendance: 103

Offering: \$1,219; \$1,325-designated

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**Next Sunday: Nursery Cleaning – Join us right after Sunday School on January 31st** for a sandwich potluck and nursery cleaning.

Homemade bread and good company provided. Just bring your favorite sandwich fillings and some elbow grease to scrub down all the nursery toys and furniture. We should be done by 2:30pm. If you know you're coming, please RSVP so we know how much bread to bring (but RSVP not necessary!) Questions and RSVPs can be sent to [meaganobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:meaganobrien@hotmail.com). Thank you.

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book      STJ: Sing the Journey

\*Please stand if you are able

## Faith Mennonite Church

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### **FMC OFFICE HOURS: January 25-29**

**Pastor:** Joetta will be in Elkhart, IN this week attending the annual Pastors Week at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Mon-Thurs). Please contact a deacon in case of an emergency or for pastoral care concerns during her absence.

**Office Assistant:** Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:*  
[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**Monday, January 25, Neil Okerlund's woodwind quintet, *Prevailing Winds*, is performing their winter recital** at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, located at 2323 Como Avenue West, St. Paul (Como exit from Highway 280). It is free! You are invited! Let me know if you need more information or if you'd like to carpool. Please come if you can, and enjoy. Debbie Okerlund, 612-798-4908

**Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> gathering at 8:00p.m., Stacy Griffin wants to invite folks to a house concert.** She and Kurt Prond (who accompanied her in music two Sundays ago at Faith) will perform. The event will be held at Matthew Thomas's house, 2810 Humbolt Ave., Minneapolis. Questions? Contact Stacy at [stacyruthann@gmail.com](mailto:stacyruthann@gmail.com) or 316 727-1586.

Any men interested in a **men's retreat at Snowshoe Lodge** should pencil in the weekend of **March 13-14** in their calendars. This weekend seemed best after informal polling. We would like to confirm a final list so we can reserve the correct number of cabins. Please contact Adam Nafziger at 612-722-3317 or [adammynafziger@yahoo.com](mailto:adammynafziger@yahoo.com)

**Worship Arts Tour, March 12 & 13** —in the Twin Cities. Led by Joetta Schlabach and Martha Yoder. More information in the brochure on table at back of sanctuary and available as pdf from FMC website.

### **Church Meetings and Events**

February 7 – Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck

February 20 – Council & Commissions Retreat, 9-noon, FMC

**Isaiah 61:1-9**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
 because the Lord has anointed me;  
 he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
 to bind up the broken-hearted,  
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
 and release to the prisoners;  
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
 and the day of vengeance of our God;  
 to comfort all who mourn;  
 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
 to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
 the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
 They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
 the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
 They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
 they shall raise up the former devastations;  
 they shall repair the ruined cities,  
 the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
 foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;  
 but you shall be called priests of the Lord,  
 you shall be named ministers of our God;  
 you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,  
 and in their riches you shall glory.

For I the Lord love justice,  
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
 I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
 and their offspring among the peoples;  
 all who see them shall acknowledge  
 that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

**Luke 4:14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. (*over*)

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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.**

**Confession of Faith**

We are not alone, we live in God’s world,  
 we believe in God, who has created and is creating,  
 who has come in Jesus to reconcile and make new.  
 We trust in God, who calls us to be the church,  
 to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
 In life, in death, in life beyond death God is with us.  
 We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*~ Ecumenical Confession, Graz 1997*

**Benediction**

L: Let all those walk upright who beg for the living Spirit  
 Let all those walk upright who have been bowed with fear.  
 Let all those walk upright who identify with suffering humanity.  
 Let all those walk upright who deceive neither themselves  
 nor others, who strive to know God without a mask,  
 and who take his promises seriously.  
 Let us not walk with our heads down.  
 God wants us to walk upright, to the praise and celebration  
 of life. Jesus says: “Go and do the same.”

**C: Let us go in the strength which has been given to us.  
 Let us go gently. Let us live simply.  
 Let us accept one another and open our eyes to love.  
 Christ has gone before. He is waiting for us where we are.  
 Amen.**

## World Fellowship Sunday prayer requests

Mennonite World Conference confirmed major leadership changes at General Council meetings in Paraguay in July 2009. In light of these changes, pray:

- for a smooth transition in MWC leadership, that those involved will seek to glorify God in all stages of the process;
- for the MWC officers and the Executive Committee as they give leadership to MWC in transitions in both structure and staffing

Officers:

- Danisa, Ndlovu, president
- Janet Plenert, Canada, vice-president
- Ernst, Bergen, Paraguay, treasurer
- Larry Miller, France, general secretary

Executive Committee

- Africa— Mawanu Biavula Ibanda, Congo; Thuma Hamukang'andu, Zambia
- Asia— Prem Prakash Bagh, India; Adi Walujo, Indonesia
- Europe— Rainer Burhart, Germany; Markus Rediger, Switzerland
- Latin America/Caribbean— Edgardo Sanchez, Argentina; Felix Rafael Curbelo Valle, Cuba
- North America— Ron Penner, Canada; Iris de Leon-Hartshorn, USA

- for the work of the MWC commission; new commissions and their chairs are:
  - Deacons— Cynthia Peacock, India
  - Faith and Life— Alfred Neufeld, Paraguay
  - Peace— Mulugeta Zewdie, Ethiopia
  - Missions— Richard Showalter, USA
- for the new Youth Task Force to help shape the future of global youth within MWC
  - for four new MWC member churches:
    - Igreja Irmãos em Cristo em Moçambique
    - Vietnam Mennonite Church
    - Bible Missionary Church (Myanmar)
- For the Search Committee, already at work seeking a new general secretary for MWC by 2012. Members of the committee are Danisa Ndlovu, Zimbabwe, chair; Mesach Krisetya, Indonesia; Karen Klassen Harder, USA; Markus Rediger, Switzerland; and Elizabeth Vado Sandoval, Nicaragua.