

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 30, 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 are people of God's peace" #407 HWB
"Here O Lord your servants gather" #7 HWB

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

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

Children's time

Song: "O healing river" #372 HWB

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: "Journeying toward justice...all around the world"

Hymn: "Abraham journeyed" (*insert, vv. 1, 4, 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: "Bwana awabariki" #422 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

This morning we conclude the series "Immigrants Among Us" with a discussion about Mennonite positions and advocacy on behalf of immigrants. Pastor Joetta 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.

TODAY: World Fellowship Sunday

Worship & song leader: Ry Siggelkow

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Karen Zeug

Reader: Matthew Blackwell Kinney

Ushers: Nikki Nafziger & Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: Matthew Hendricks & one volunteer needed

Fellowship: Beth Richardson & Alisa Bardo-Martinson

NEXT SUNDAY: Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:13-20)

Worship leader: Aryn Baxter

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stolfus

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Mike Okerstrom & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Marcia Siggelkow & Kristin Ratigan Green

Snow shoveling: volunteer needed

Fellowship: 2 volunteers needed

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 23: Attendance: 104

Offering: \$931.00

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Jan 31-Feb 4

Pastor: Mon 1-4 p.m.; Thurs 9-5. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta will attend a scripture convocation at Luther Seminary on Wednesday and the Creating Change conference on Friday.

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.

In order to save paper, the **2010 Annual Reports and Agenda for the Feb. 13, 2011 Congregational Meeting**, were distributed this week via email. If you do not have access to email, please call the church office 612-375-9483 to request a paper copy.

Immigration Action, Sunday Feb 6, 2:30-3:00 p.m.: As we conclude our immigration study, we will begin looking for opportunities to act on what we've learned. **Next Sunday 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. **Ramsey County Detention Center, 425 Grove Street in St. Paul.** For further details, contact Kathleen Remund at minstaff@faithmennonite.org or call the FMC office, 612-375-9483.

Church Meetings and Events

January 31 – Christian Education Commission, 4 p.m., FMC office

February 1 – Lectionary Discussion Group, (Isa 58:1-12; Matt 5:13-20)

Trotter's, Corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

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

February 12 – Birthday Brunch, 10–11:30 a.m., Schlabach's

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 – Stained glass window washing, 9 a.m. – noon

February 19 – Missio Dei Fundraising event, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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.

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.

The next anniversary quilt work day will be Saturday, February 5 from 1-4 PM. Fabric, materials and necessary tools will be on hand as well as patterns. As noted in earlier announcements, you may also bring your own materials. We are setting up a table of fabrics and some patterns at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to pick up and work on, on your own. We hope to see many of you there. -*Sandra Westby, Nikki Fitch, Kristen Green and Arlene Geissing*

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. Register at: <http://jrlc.org/register-for-day-on-the-hill.html>. Cost increases on Feb. 1!

Saturday, February 19, 7-8:30 p.m. Fund-raising meal to support Missio Dei. FMC will be the host site for a fund-raising meal that the Missio Dei Community is holding to raise funds for their ministry of hospitality to those on the margin of society. They provide both short-term and long-term housing to people in need of a home. For details and tickets go to: missiodei.eventbrite.com.

March 18-20 Save the Date! FMC will be hosting a weekend **“Creating a Culture of Peace” nonviolence training**, facilitated by Phil Stoltzfus and Candace Lutt. We will explore dimensions of violence in our culture, spiritual and practical resources for interpersonal nonviolence, dynamics of nonviolent social movements, perspectives on community building, and action planning for future projects. It will be held at the church from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon (with time off for Sunday morning worship). Registration is open to FMC members and community folks, newcomers to nonviolence as well as those wanting to deepen their understandings. **Registration deadline is March 4.** Cost is \$100. Some scholarships are available. See: www.creatingacultureofpeace.org.