

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
February 3, 2008 ~ The Transfiguration

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 99)

L: Yahweh rules; the nations tremble. Yahweh is enthroned on the cherubs; the earth quakes.

P: Yahweh, you are great and high above all nations. May they praise your great and awesome name.

L: Holy are you and mighty! You are a God who loves justice, insisting on goodness, justice, and honesty.

All: Let us extol Yahweh, our God. Holy is God!

***Hymns** “Unto they temple, Lord, we come” #4 HWB
“For mornings bright ” #113 STJ

Old Testament reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time: Mountain Climbing

Song: “Christ upon the mountain peak” #232 HWB

New Testament reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: “Beyond the Brightness”

Hymn: “Not always on the mount (insert; v. 1-3; 5)

Communion (*We serve gluten free bread and grape juice*)

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 & Offertory

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

Introduction of Guests

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

***Sending Hymn:** “Praise God from whom” #118 HWB

***Benediction**

Postlude

Community Time

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

- Christian Education (11 – noon)

Children’s classes begin with singing in the nursery.

Adult offerings:

- Spirituality & Food, led by Carol Harder – Fellowship Hall
- Exploring the New Testament, facilitated by Hermann Weinlick—Library
- Faith and Human Development, facilitated by Beth Richardson—Chapel (201, Education wing)

- **Potluck and Annual Meeting** – Immediately following the education hour we will have a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall. The Annual Congregational Meeting will begin at 1 p.m., around tables in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

TODAY: The Transfiguration & Communion; Annual Meeting Sunday

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Worship Leader:

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Childcare: Shelly Hendricks & Minke Sundseth

Fellowship Time: *We will not have snacks today due to Potluck @ noon*

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Lent: Into the Wilderness

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Worship Leader: Alisa Bardo-Martinson

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick **Organ:** David Mayou

Childcare: Jenny Wandersee & Gerald Schlabach

Snow Shoveling (Feb. 4-10): Tom Johnson

Jan 27: Attendance: 82 Offering: \$1,725

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Feb 4-8

Pastor's Hours: Mon, 1-5, 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.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

Lent Services at FMC - We will offer weekly opportunities for spiritual reflection during the season of Lent, beginning with an Ash Wednesday Taizé prayer service this Wednesday.

Feb. 6 – Ash Wednesday, Taizé Prayer Service with Ashes, 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Feb. 13 – March 12 – *Lectio Divina*, 7:30 p.m. – Chapel

March 20 – Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, 6:30 p.m. –
Fellowship Hall

March 23 – Easter breakfast and celebration of the resurrection

Lost and Found: A number of items have been accumulating at the back of the church. These are on display on the bench in the fellowship area. Any items remaining after Annual Meeting will be given to Community Emergency Service or Value Village. Claim anything that is yours!

Church Meetings and Events

February 5 – Deacons, 9 a.m. @ Richardson's

February 6 – Ash Wednesday Taizé service, 7:30 p.m.

February 11 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC

February 12 – Missions & Services, 3:30 p.m. @ FMC

February 18 – MCC Listening Meeting, 7 p.m. @ FMC

February 23 – MCC Relief Sale Fundraiser: House of Heinrich concert,
7 p.m. @ FMC

March 8 – Discussion of Eating and Growing Food responsibly and
Community potluck, 6 p.m. @ FMC



The Transfiguration; 1518-1520; Oil on Wood; Pinacoteca, Vatican, by Raphael

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Caucus Resources for Tuesday, Feb. 5: The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition has a list of suggested Caucus Resolutions on the subject of children and poverty. These resolutions are available at church on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Black History Observance, Sunday, Feb 10. The St. James AME Sunday School is sponsoring the Mixed Blood Theatre's "Daughters of Africa" at 3 p.m., February 10, and is open to the public. St. James is located at 3600 Snelling Ave., Minneapolis.

MCC Central States Listening/Visioning Session – February 18
Rosie Epp, MCC representative for the Northern Tier (Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana) invites all interested persons to a Listening/Visioning meeting on Monday, February 18, 7 p.m. in the chapel at FMC. MCC currently has one program sight in the Northern Tier: on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. They are assessing the needs in the Northern Tier to determine if there might be need for MCC presence in other areas. Come give input into developing the future of Central States MCC and the Regional Associate position in the Northern Tier area.

Invite your friends and neighbors to a community potluck and discussion of **Perspectives On the Omnivore's Dilemma** at Faith Church on Sat., **March 8.** A panel discussion with Q &A will begin at 6 p.m.; meal will follow. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert as well as an ingredient list. For more information contact Minke Sundseth.

“Are There Closets in Heaven?: A Catholic Father and Lesbian Daughter Share Their Story.” There will be a presentation by Carol Curoe and her father, Bob Curoe, at St. Mark’s Cathedral. Carol and her father co-authored the book, "Are There Closets in Heaven?: A Catholic Father and Lesbian Daughter Share Their Story." THURSDAY, February 21, 7:00 pm, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403, (612) 870-7800

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**