

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

February 6, 2011

## Prelude

**\*Call to Worship** based on Psalm 112

**All: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear God, who greatly delight in God's commands.**

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright,  
They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**People: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
Who conduct their affairs with justice.**

L: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm,  
secure in God.

**P: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever.**

**All: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear God, who greatly delight in God's commands.**

**\*Hymns:** "You are the salt for the earth" #226 HWB  
"How can we be silent" # 61 STJ

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 58:1-2, 3b-4; 6-9

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

**Children's time** ~ Candace Lauth

**Song:** "This little light of mine"

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 5:13-20

**Sermon:** "Kingdom ways: giving flavor, clarifying the view"

## Communion

*We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

**Hymn:** "Longing for light" #56 STJ

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### 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. (continued)

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 worship leader)

## Introduction of guests

**\*Sung benediction:** "The Lord bless you" #76 STJ

## Passing the Peace / Postlude

## Community Time

- 10:45 **Fellowship time** – basement fellowship hall

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

- 11:15 **Adult education forum – fellowship hall**

"Dreaming of Gardens" – Some of those with cabin fever are beginning to dream of spring gardens. Come hear Alisa Bardo-Martinson, Arlene Geisinger, Melissa Hochstetler, Minke Sundseth, and Gregg Richardson, discuss the meaning of gardening in their lives. This will be fairly informal with opportunity to share your own stories and ask questions. –*Kathleen Harder*

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**TODAY:** Sermon on the Mount / Communion

**Worship leader:** Aryn Baxter

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Mike Okerstrom & Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Marcia Siggelkow & Kristin Ratigan Green

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:21-37)

**Worship leader:** Aryn Baxter

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Pierre Gingerich

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & Barb Beers

**Nursery:** Jacob Schlabach & Becky

**Snow shoveling:** Jenny Wandersee

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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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**Next Sunday is Annual Meeting!** We will meet during the adult education hour and continue following a **potluck meal. Please bring a dish (or two)** for the meal, and remember to read the Annual Reports that were distributed via email.

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** Feb 7-11

**Pastor:** Mon 1-5 p.m.; Wed & 9-3, Fri 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday & Wednesday evening 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](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.*

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**January 30:      Attendance: 92      Offering: \$2252.00**

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### **Church Meetings and Events**

February 8 – Lectionary Discussion Group, (Deut 30:15-20; Matt 5:21-37)

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

March 5 – Worship leader & reader workshop, 9:30-noon, FMC

March 13 – Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership benefit concert, 2 p.m., FMC

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**Isaiah 58:1-2, 3b-4; 6-9**

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
 Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.  
 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,  
 as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
 they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.  
 Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,  
 and oppress all your workers.  
 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.  
 Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.  
 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,  
 to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,  
 and to break every yoke?  
 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
 when you see the naked, to cover them,  
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
 your vindicator shall go before you,  
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.  
 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

**Matthew 5:13-20**

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
 ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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**

The **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** will hold it’s quarterly meeting TODAY over the noon hour. If you have affirmations or concerns regarding congregational life please communicate with one of the members: Joan Kreider, Heather Wenger, Matthew Hendricks.

**TODAY: Immigration Action, 2:30-3:00 p.m.**, Ramsey County Detention Center, 425 Grove Street in St. Paul. Car pools will leave the church at 2 p.m.

**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. Sign-up sheet at back of sanctuary.

**February Birthday Brunch, Saturday, Feb 12, 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: [jschlabach@faithmennonite.org](mailto:jschlabach@faithmennonite.org)

**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](http://missiodei.eventbrite.com).

**March 5, 9:30-noon, Worship leader & reader workshop.** Everyone who has ever (or would like to) lead worship and read scripture is invited to this interactive workshop, led by Matthew Blackwell Kinney and others. More details to follow.

**March 13, 2-4 p.m. Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership Benefit Concert.** Come for an afternoon of live music by FMC musician Chris Jones and others and support this fine neighborhood organization.

**March 18-20 “Creating a Culture of Peace” nonviolence training,** facilitated by Phil Stoltzfus and Candace Lauth. We will explore dimensions of violence in our culture, spiritual and practical resources for interpersonal nonviolence, and much more. Open to FMC members and community folks, newcomers to nonviolence and those wanting to deepen their understandings. **Registration deadline is March 4.** Cost is \$100. Some scholarships available. See: [www.creatingacultureofpeace.org](http://www.creatingacultureofpeace.org).