

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
March 9, 2008 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent  
*Out of the Depths*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

\***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 130)

**Response: Out of the depths I cry to you,  
Lord, hear my voice!**

\***Hymns** “Fairest Lord Jesus” #117 HWB  
“New Earth, Heavens New” #299 HWB

**Prayer of Confession:** #698 HWB

**Old Testament reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-11a; 14

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

**Children’s Time** “Waiting and watching”

**Hymn:** “They that wait upon the Lord” #584 HWB

**New Testament reading:** John 11:1-44

**Sermon:** “How long to sing this song?”

**Hymn:** “From the depths” #136 HWB

**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**

\***Sending Hymn:** “From ashes to the living fount” (insert)

\***Benediction**

**Postlude**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book    STJ: Sing the Journey

\**Please stand if you are able*

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:**

- Exploring the New Testament—Library
- Faith and Human Development—Chapel (201, Education wing)

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*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.*

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**TODAY:** Lent Five: Into new life

**Sermon:** Gerald Schlabach

**Song Leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Childcare:** Sandra Westby & Minke Sundseth

**Fellowship time:** Jenny Wandersee

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** Lent Six (Palm/Passion Sunday): Into the depths

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Worship Leader:** Noah Skogerboe

**Song Leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Childcare:** Cynthia Miller, One Volunteer Needed

**Fellowship time:** Volunteer Needed

**Snow Shoveling (Mar. 10 -Mar. 16):** Volunteer Needed

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**March 2:**            Attendance: 147

Offering: \$2,619

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Darrell Martin’s father, Leon Martin, died peacefully in the healthcare unit at Greencroft Center in Goshen, Indiana on Mar. 6. He was 85 years old. Darrell is in Indiana this weekend for the service. Cynthia is in Guatemala studying Spanish.

## **Faith Mennonite Church**

**Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**

**Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,  
Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick**

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### **FMC OFFICE HOURS: Mar 10-14**

**Pastor's Hours:** Wed, 12-5; Thurs, 9-4; Friday, 8:30-12:30. Joetta will be out of town from Sunday afternoon to Wednesday morning. Please call a deacon for pastoral care needs during this time.

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

*Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:*  
[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

**Families Moving Forward – Friday March 28 and Saturday March 29,** This will be the only time in 2008 that Faith Church will be hosting the meal and childcare at Families Moving Forward. If you would like to be involved with this project, contact Karen Wiebe at 612-276-1217.

### **Church Meetings and Events**

- March 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC Chapel
- March 12 – *Lectio divina*, 7:30 p.m. in chapel
- March 18 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m. @ FMC
- March 20 – Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, 6:30 p.m.
- March 21 – Community Good Friday Service, noon, Minnehaha  
Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave S., MPLS
- March 23 – Easter breakfast, 8:30 a.m.; worship, 9:45 a.m. (no  
Christian education classes)

### **Ezekiel 37:1-11a; 14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

### **John 11:1-44**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus [...] told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they

thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. [...] When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

### **Volunteers & food sign-up for Maundy Thursday & Easter Sunday Maundy Thursday March 20, 6:30 p.m. meal and communion**

A volunteer is needed to coordinate the meal portion of the evening. That person will be responsible for finding the other volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up and dish washing. Meal will be a simple lentil soup supper with bread, cheese and fruit. There will be a sign-up sheet for these items.

**Easter Sunday March 23, 8:30 a.m. breakfast** A volunteer is needed to coordinate the meal portion of the morning. That person will be responsible for finding the other volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up and dish washing. Meal will be egg dishes, breads and fruit.

### **Peace Vigil on Lake Street Bridge, Wednesday, March 19, 5-6 p.m..**

Bring the troops home. End the U.S. War & Occupation of Iraq!

**Potluck Dinner and Program at 6:30 p.m.** at Macalaster Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Av., St. Paul.

**Program Speakers** include: Wes Davies and Brandon Day (Iraq Veterans Against the War) speaking about their experiences from Afghanistan and Iraq and the recent Washington testimonies as part of "Winter Soldier," and Sami Rasouli, an Iraqi American sharing from his first-hand account of conditions in Iraq today. Sponsored by Women Against Military Madness and Twin Cities Peace Campaign.

**Looking for housing for out-of-town guests** -- Would anyone be able to offer some sleeping space for 4 nights? My college roommate and her family (4 & 6 yr. old kids) are coming to visit the Twin Cities over their Spring Break on March 25 - 29th. I have a cat that her daughter might develop severe asthma to if she sleeps at my home. . Hosting wouldn't involve any cooking. They have many things planned during the day so they would only need sleeping space and bathroom use. I live in South Minneapolis (just south of the church) so if someone lives close to me that would be even better! If anyone's available to host, you can give me a call at 612-710-0395. Kristin Borotrager

**Wilderness Wind** is taking reservations for canoe trips and Lakeside cabins in Ely, Minnesota for summer 2008. A canoe trip is perfect for families, friends, or youth groups to experience God's creation and get "unplugged" from the stress of daily life. Check [www.wildernesswind.org](http://www.wildernesswind.org) or call 316-217-1129 for more information. Ask about a "no-portage trip" or low impact trip to tailor to your needs.